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Limiting personal information

If information subject to the court's privacy policy¹ is stated on the record, it will be available in the audio files this court makes available. Since counsel and the parties are solely responsible for guaranteeing that pleadings and testimony comply with the court's rules requiring redaction of personal data identifiers, the better practice is to avoid introducing personal data identifiers and other sensitive information into the record in the first place, unless absolutely necessary to prove an element of the case. Also, be advised that courtroom deputies cannot redact audio files before they are placed on CM/ECF. Please take this into account when questioning witnesses or making other statements in court. If private information is mentioned during a hearing or trial, counsel may move the court to seal, restrict, or otherwise prohibit placement of the digital audio file of the hearing or trial on the Internet through the PACER system.



Privacy policy

The judiciary's privacy policy restricts the publication of certain personal data in documents filed with the court. The policy requires limiting the disclosure of Social Security and financial account numbers to the last four digits, using only initials for the names of minor children, and limiting dates of birth to the year. [For criminal cases, home addresses are limited to city and state.] However, if such information is elicited during testimony or other court proceedings, it will become available to the public.

¹ For guidance on the privacy policy as applied to documents, exhibits, and transcripts see NECivR 5.3; and NECrimR 49.1.1; Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5.2; and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 49.1.

Accessing audio files

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STEP	RESULT
<p>Audio files can be accessed from the NEF e-mail notification, or from a Docket Sheet.</p> <p>1. Click the Document Number link.</p>	<p>U.S. District Court District of Nebraska</p> <p>Notice of Electronic Filing</p> <p>The following transaction was entered on 7/30/2007 at 8:32 AM CDT and filed on 7/30/2007</p> <p>Case Name: USA v. Cassidy et al Case Number: 802-cr-103 Filer: Document Number: 6</p> <p>Docket Text: AUDIO FILE as to defendant(s) Butch Cassidy regarding Initial Appearance [2] held on 07/17/07 before Magistrate Judge F.A. Gossett (LKP,)</p> <hr/> <p>04/11/2018  36  AUDIO FILE. Audio as to Defendant (1) 04/11/2018</p>
<p>2. Click the Attachments tab or paper clip icon (depending on the version of Acrobat) to display a link to the MP3 file.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> If you do not see the paper clip icon or Attachments pane:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acrobat X, XI, or DC go to View...Show/Hide...Navigation Panes..Attachments. If the PDF opened within a browser window, use the toolbar at the bottom of the document to show the Acrobat Toolbar. 	<p>made from the records certified by the reporter or generated to produce the record."</p> 