UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE ELECTRONIC PUBLIC ACCESS FEES BY MADISON STURGEON
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Administrative Order
No. 26-MS-087

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Madison Sturgeon for exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts.

The Court finds that Madison Sturgeon, a graduate student at Georgetown University Law Center, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Sturgeon has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.

Accordingly, Sturgeon shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this Court, to the extent such use is incurred in the course of researching federal criminal cases since January 2021 in which defendants filed motions seeking disclosure of grand jury legal instructions given to grand juries.

Sturgeon shall not be exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this Court. Additionally, the following limitations apply:

1. This fee exemption applies only to Madison Sturgeon (PACER Account #9152622), and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
2. This fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this Court that are available through the PACER system;

3. By accepting this exemption, Sturgeon agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;

4. Sturgeon is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet-based databases;

5. This exemption is valid from August 31, 2026 through August 31, 2027.

This Order may be revoked at the discretion of the Court at any time. A copy of this Order shall be sent to the PACER Service Center.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:

Dated: October 23, 2026

HALA Y. JARBOU
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE