

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR LEE COUNTY (SOUTH)

**IN RE: SEARCH WARRANT FILE
NO. SWSW 000569 & SWSW 00570**

**Cause No. SWSW 000569
ORDER DIRECTING UNSEALING OF
APPLICATION TO SEAL AND ORDER
SEALING SEARCH WARRANTS**

Search warrants were issued in connection with Midwest Academy, Ben Trane and/or Midwest Treatment Facility. On February 9, 2016, in the above two search warrant files the prosecutor made a written request that the court seal all search warrants related to Midwest Academy, Ben Trane and/or Midwest Treatment Facility. On February 10, 2016, the court entered an order granting the request, directing the Clerk of Court to file under seal the search warrant application, all affidavits submitted in support thereof, the endorsement, the search warrant and the return. The court provided that the order would expire 180 days from the filing of the order or 45 days following the arrest of any person involved, whichever occurred first. The court further provided that sealing of that order was necessary to prevent disclosure of confidential information. The clerk was directed to docket the order in such a way that the order itself would not be available to the public.

This matter has been brought to the court's attention based upon an application and petition of the Des Moines Register & Tribune Company to obtain access to said search warrant files. Based upon the undersigned's review of the State's request to seal the records and the order sealing the records, the court concludes there is no potentially confidential information contained in said documents which would

necessitate the sealing of the request or the order. As a result, the court concludes the following order is appropriate.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the previous order entered by the court on February 10, 2016, sealing as confidential the State's February 9, 2016, request to seal search warrants and the court's order of February 10, 2016, ordering the sealing of said records is hereby rescinded and revoked.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court is directed to revise the security status of the State's request of February 9, 2016, and the court's order of February 10, 2016, to that of being a public record. The security level for the Application, Search Warrant and any return shall remain as originally set.

Dated this 18th day of February, 2016.

Clerk to send copies to: Michael Short/Denise Timmins/Michael Giudicessi/Leita Walker/Benjamin Trane



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So Ordered

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "MA Brown".

Mary Ann Brown, Chief District Judge,
Eighth Judicial District of Iowa