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Kelly McCall
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Dear Kelly McCall:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) acknowledges receipt of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts' (AOUSC) report regarding the alleged unauthorized disposition of records relating to Case Number 1:24-dm-007 at the US District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

According to the report, the US Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Clerk of Court, reviewed the case and determined that no unauthorized disposition of records occurred. The Court contends that the citizen believes an unauthorized disposition occurred because the show cause order begins with PageID#9 and PageID#s 1-8 are missing. Contrary to the citizen's belief, no unauthorized disposition occurred. Instead, during the Court's QC process, the document was first replaced to correct the case number in the header and then again, to scrub the file of metadata. Accordingly, the first "PageID" number listed on the Electronic Case Filing (ECF) footer is "9." The substance of the document, however, was never modified. Additionally, a docket entry was entered noting that the original document was replaced. In support of the Court's finding, a detailed summary of the sequence of events relating to the corrections to the show cause order is included in the report.

Based on this information, the reporting requirements of 36 CFR 1230.14(a) have been met and NARA considers this matter closed. I appreciate your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact the Records Management Oversight and Reporting Program by email at UnauthorizedDisposition@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

William Fischer

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