

IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR MEIGS COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT DECATUR

IN THE MATTER OF:

EVALETT HIGH

Case No. 2025-JV-54

A Minor Child.

AMENDED PROTECTIVE ORDER SEALING FILE

The Court previously put down a Protective Order Sealing File in this matter after a hearing on June 12, 2025, upon an oral motion requesting the Court seal the entire file by counsel for the minor child who is the subject of delinquent petition in this case for the protection of the minor child.

A motion to intervene has been filed on behalf of the media outlet, WBIR of Knoxville, with the ultimate goal of having the Court open the file and the proceedings to the extent legally permissible by state law in these proceedings, a hearing for on this motion is set for August 12, 2025.

The Court *ab initio* hereby amends its previous Protective Order Sealing File in this matter to allow for public and media access to a court filings with the exception of documents and information relative to mental health evaluations, whether for competency, sanity, or IQ testing, etc. Requests for access to or copies of these records should comply with all applicable statutes. If the Clerk has any questions about whether a filing or document falls under this restriction, he is to consult with the District Attorney and counsel for the minor child. All references to dates of birth and social security numbers should be redacted before disseminating such information or documents. Recordings or transcripts of hearings should be reviewed for information which also should be redacted.

The hearings will henceforth be open to the public and the media, but recordings, both audio and video, will be prohibited. Media shall comply with the Local Rules relative to notice and permission for access to hearings.

The Court notes and acknowledges that, even though the date of birth of the juvenile is not accessible, the minor child is over fourteen years old, and the charge of the delinquent petition is that of first-degree murder.

The State of Tennessee and the minor child's counsel still retain full access to the court file, recordings and transcripts and hearings.

IT IS SO AMENDED AND ORDERED as set forth hereinabove.

ENTER this 17 day of July 2025,



Judge Casey Stokes

FILED
MEIGS COUNTY SESSIONS COURT
DATE 7-17-25