

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
PENSACOLA DIVISION**

IN RE: 3M COMBAT ARMS)	
EARPLUG PRODUCTS LIABILITY)	Case No. 3:19-md-2885
LITIGATION)	
)	Hon. Judge M. Casey Rodgers
This Document Relates To All Actions)	Magistrate Judge Gary R. Jones
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**ORDER EXPEDITING THE AUTHORIZATION AND
RELEASE OF PROTECTED INFORMATION
RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL PLAINTIFFS**

Recognizing the need for an Order expediting the collection of certain medical, employment, and academic records for which authorizations have been provided by Plaintiffs in the above-captioned multidistrict litigation, and consistent with this Court’s Order of March 26, 2020, third parties have a duty to accept the authorizations signed by a Plaintiff or a Plaintiff’s personal representative as valid to authorize the release of all records described therein, including certain medical, employment, and academic records. *See* Dkt. 1065. Third parties may not impose any other requirements for the release of records including, but not limited to, facility-specific (or different) forms, original signatures, a waiting period for the production of records, or conditioning the release of requested records on the payment of unreasonable “processing” or “handling” fees.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

All records described in the authorizations approved by this Court in its March

26 Order, Dkt. 1065, and executed by a Plaintiff or a Plaintiff's representative, must be produced to the authorized party within fourteen (14) days of receipt of this Order and a subpoena for such records under Fed. R. Civ. P. 45. In the event that the records holder does not have any responsive records, it must provide a certification that no responsive records exist within the fourteen (14) day time period. Defendants shall provide Plaintiffs with bates-numbered copies of any records obtained with this Order within fourteen (14) days of receipt of such records.

SO ORDERED, on this 30th day of June, 2020.

M. Casey Rodgers
M. CASEY RODGERS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
