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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

STATE OF HAWAII

DAVID ALAN LOPEZ,

Plaintiff,

v.

DIANE R. CORN, HEARING OFFICER,
et al.

Defendant.

CIVIL NO. 1CCV-20-0000762

ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND
DENYING IN PART MOTION TO
UNSEAL

ORIGINAL HEARING

HEARING DATE: September 1, 2023

HEARING TIME: 8:30 a.m.

1st CONTINUED HEARING

HEARING DATE: October 12, 2023

HEARING TIME: 1:00 p.m.

2nd CONTINUED HEARING

HEARING DATE: December 1, 2023

HEARING TIME: 10:00 a.m.

JUDGE: Honorable James H. Ashford

ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART MOTION TO UNSEAL

On June 27, 2023, non-party movant Civil Beat Law Center for the Public Interest
(Movant) filed a Motion to Unseal (Motion).

The Motion originally came for hearing on September 1 before the Honorable James H. Ashford. Benjamin M. Creps and R. Brian Black appeared for Movant. Deputy Attorneys General Lynne M. Youmans and Erin N. Lau appeared for Defendant Department of Human Services (DHS). No other appearances were made.

The Motion came for continued hearing on October 12 before the Honorable James H. Ashford. Mr. Creps appeared for Movant. Ms. Youmans and Ms. Lau appeared for DHS. Lyle S. Hosoda appeared for Plaintiff David A. Lopez, who was also present. No other appearances were made.

The Motion came for further continued hearing on December 1 before the Honorable James H. Ashford. Mr. Creps appeared for Movant. Ms. Youmans appeared for DHS. Mr. Hosoda appeared for Mr. Lopez. No other appearances were made.

The Court has reviewed and considered the Motion, responsive pleadings, the authorities cited therein, and arguments of counsel; as well as the pleadings and other records filed in this case.

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED in part as follows:

- (1) The Judiciary's docket—i.e., the index of pleadings and not the pleadings themselves—for the above-captioned case shall be unsealed and that information pertaining to the case shall be made available to the public on the Judiciary's website for court records; and
- (2) The first two pages of the initial pleading, filed in the above-captioned case on May 20, 2020 as Dkt. 1, shall be unsealed and re-filed as a new entry that is available to the public.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that remainder of the Motion is DENIED.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, December 6, 2023

/s/ James H. Ashford



JUDGE OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Lynne M. Youmans
Lynne M. Youmans
Attorney for Department of Human Services

/s/ Lyle H. Hosoda
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Attorney for David Alan Lopez