

Judge approves protective order shielding discovery materials in Saab case

United States v. Alex Nain Saab Morán · S.D. Fla. No. 1:26-cr-20020

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What happened

Judge Kathleen M. Williams signed a protective order (a rule limiting who may see certain case documents) covering discovery material in the case against Alex Saab. The order, requested by the government without objection from the defense, states that material marked "Confidential" may only be shared with a specific list of approved people, including Saab himself, his legal team, investigators, and anticipated witnesses. Any disclosure beyond that group requires further court approval.

What it means

This order is a routine procedural step common in complex federal cases; it does not address Saab's guilt or innocence or change the status of his case, which already concluded with a guilty plea in September 2026. Its purpose is to prevent sensitive material provided by prosecutors from circulating beyond those directly working on the defense.

What happens next

No further date is set in this document; the next known date in the case is the sentencing hearing scheduled for January 20, 2027.

Key passages from the filing (verbatim)

"counsel of record for the defendant in this proceeding shall hold the Discovery marked "Confidential" (the "Discovery") in the strictest confidence."

Page 1 — This is the core requirement the order imposes.

"disclosure of this Discovery to any other individual, beyond the Approved Parties is prohibited absent further leave of Court."

Page 1 — Shows the limits placed on who may access the material.

Docket text (official, in English)

ORDER granting 31 Motion for Protective Order as to Alex Nain Saab Moran (2). Signed by Judge Kathleen M. Williams on 8/14/2026. See attached document for full details. (mso) (Entered: 08/14/2026)

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