

FROM THE CHAMBERS OF JUDGE TIMOTHY GRENDALL

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Auditor Walder,

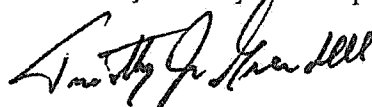
Your decision to publicly publish the home address of one of the Court's visitation supervisors has placed that individual and her family in potential jeopardy. Sometimes, the Court employs visitation supervisors in situations where a parent has anger management issues or a history of violent behavior. For that reason, the supervisor's home address is kept confidential.

Unfortunately, since you insist on mailing payment checks directly to the Court's vendors, instead of sending them up one flight of steps to the Court or allowing Court staff to pick them up from your fiscal office as past Auditor's did, the Court has no choice but to provide you with the vendors' addresses.

Since neither Ohio Law nor the Supreme Court's Rules of Superintendence require or even authorize you to post Court records publicly, the Court could not have predicted that you or your office would recklessly put any of the Court's valuable vendors, such as its visitation supervisors, at risk. Therefore, the Court records that you published without the Court's authorization must be removed from the internet immediately.

Going forward, the Court will replace the address for vendors in need of confidentiality (such as visitation supervisors) with the Court's address on copies of financial documents submitted to your office for payment, and the Court will retain the originals for State Audit purposes. Upon receipt of the vendor's payment check, the Court will forward the check to the vendor. This will protect the Court's vendors, such as visitation supervisors, where confidentiality is needed.

Thank you for your cooperation,



Timothy J. Grendall
Judge