

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

John Doe MC-1,

Plaintiff,

v.

Master Case No.: 20-10568
Honorable Victoria A. Roberts

The University of Michigan, et al.,

Defendants.

**ORDER REGARDING DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME FOR INITIAL PRODUCTION [ECF No. 64]**

Defendants filed the above entitled motion.

Plaintiffs do not object to a delay in production of notes, documents, audio tapes, and/or video tapes, in whatever medium held, including electronic, related to University of Michigan Police Department Detective Mark West's investigation into allegations about Dr. Anderson. Defendants wish to produce such materials within 24 hours after the Court enters a protective order. The Plaintiffs' proviso, however, is that they would agree to delay only if the parties filed a joint stipulated protective order by 2:00 p.m. yesterday, July 1, 2020. Obviously, that did not happen.

Defendants say they continue to negotiate a protective order but that they could not agree that it would be final and agreed upon by 2:00 p.m. on July 1, 2020.

The parties have already agreed that disclosure of victim names will be covered by the protective order. [ECF No. 48, PageID.1108].

They also agreed that the Easthope depositions [and, presumably, duces tecum information] and information gathered by Detective Mark West would be a carve out from all other discovery. The parties agreed to stay all other discovery until August 31, 2020. [ECF No. 48, PageID.1106-07].

Given the previous stipulation entered by the parties [see ECF No. 48], the Court believes information needed for the Easthope depositions - contemplated to occur in July – and the information listed in the second paragraph above, must be produced without benefit of the protective order the parties have been working on. However, in the spirit of confidentiality that the parties have litigated this case so far, the Court orders that such information produced by the Defendants be treated by Plaintiffs as confidential and not be disclosed at all, to any person other than parties, their attorneys or staff at law firms of counsel of record, or the parties' retained experts, consultants, or litigation support vendors.

The Court orders production by close of business tomorrow, July 3, 2020.

ORDERED.

Date: July 2, 2020

s/ Victoria A. Roberts
Victoria A. Roberts
United States District Judge