

United States District Court
District of Maine

Policy Re: Transcripts in Criminal Cases
February 7, 2019

The United States District Court for the District of Maine adopts the following policy concerning the existence of sealed or confidential information in transcripts of criminal proceedings held before a judicial officer of this Court.

1. The responsibility to request that portions of a transcript be sealed rests with counsel.
2. Court reporters are not responsible for reviewing transcripts for the existence of any sealed or confidential information before producing a transcript.
3. When the Court seals a section in a transcript, the court reporter will make the textual notation “sealed” in the relevant portion of the transcript. The cover page of the transcript will contain the text “Partial Transcript.” The portion(s) ordered sealed will not be preserved with empty or blacked-out line and page numbers. The court reporter will file the partial transcript in the case, which will be available to the public.
4. Court reporters will also separately file the entire transcript containing information ordered sealed. The docket entry associated with this transcript and the transcript itself will be sealed from the public.