



## NOTICE OF LOCAL RULE REVISION

### IN RE: LOCAL CRIMINAL RULE 32(c)

The United States District Court for the District of Vermont announces Local Criminal Rule 32(c) governing the distribution of criminal presentence reports to defendants is hereby amended and superseded effective January 3, 2014.

The amended rule serves to avoid the risk of harm to persons who provide information about criminal activity (“cooperation”) to law enforcement agents or to the United States Attorney when such information appears in presentence reports and may be disseminated to other persons within and outside of detention facilities.

Local Criminal Rule 32(c) is amended as follows:

**Counsel is prohibited from providing (by any means) a draft, copy or final Presentence Report ("PSR") to the defendant unless the following categories of information have been redacted from the PSR: (1) statements regarding the defendant's cooperation, including references to USSG 5K1.1. motions and USSG 5C1.2 proffers; (2) statements regarding any other person's cooperation including but not limited to post-arrest statements, proffers, grand jury testimony, and trial testimony. Counsel is not prohibited from reviewing the un-redacted PSR with the defendant.**

A complete set of the Local Rules of Procedure can be viewed on the court’s website at:

[www.vtd.uscourts.gov/court-info/local-rules-and-orders](http://www.vtd.uscourts.gov/court-info/local-rules-and-orders)

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