



NOTICE OF LOCAL RULE REVISION

IN RE: LOCAL CRIMINAL RULE 57.2

The United States District Court for the District of Vermont hereby announces a revision to Local Criminal Rule 57.2, governing the retention of pretrial services reports. The revised rule will become effective April 20, 2026. It was recently approved by the Second Circuit Judicial Council following a thirty-day public comment period.

The purpose of the revision is to update the Court's local rule concerning the retention of pretrial services reports to align with recent Judiciary policy changes that permit counsel to retain the reports.

Rule 57.2. Pretrial Services.

(a) Authority. Pretrial services are performed by the Probation Office and supervised by the Chief Probation Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3152(a).

(b) Confidentiality. Pretrial service records are confidential court records. Disclosure of information obtained during a pretrial service investigation or supervision is governed by the Pretrial Services Confidentiality Regulations issued by the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.

(c) Pretrial Interview. If the defendant has counsel, Pretrial Services must attempt to coordinate a joint interview with the defendant's counsel. If the defendant does not have counsel, or counsel is unable to attend, Pretrial Services may interview the defendant without counsel present provided that the defendant gives informed consent.

(d) Pretrial Services Report. Counsel may retain the pretrial services report after the hearing but must not redisclose the pretrial services report to other persons such as government agents, family members, or the defendant's friends.

(e) Disclosure to Probation Officers. Pretrial service information, including any amendments or supplements, must be made available to probation officers for the purpose of preparing a presentence report.

(f) Violations of Conditions. Unless pretrial service officers seek immediate revocation or modification of pretrial release conditions, defense counsel may ordinarily obtain a copy of the violation report.

(g) Notification to Pretrial Services Officer. Counsel must provide copies of motions to modify release conditions to the opposing counsel and the pretrial service officer.

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

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