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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: ESTATE OF **PROBATE DIVISION**

STACIE ELIZABETH MASON, a/k/a STACIE E. MASON, a/k/a STACIE MASON **File No. 2026CP000738**

Deceased. /

ORDER ON MOTION TO DETERMINE CONFIDENTIALITY OF COURT RECORDS

UPON CONSIDERATION of the Movant's Motion to Determine Confidentiality of Court Records, the Court, having reviewed the file and being otherwise fully advised in the premises does hereby **FIND AS FOLLOWS:**

A. As required by law or by direction of this Court, the petitioner of the above-styled probate case has filed the Petition to Disinherit (the "Petition"), which, together with its exhibits, discloses the Decedent's cause of death and the cause of death of Jesse Scott Ellis (the "Spouse"). Specifically, the Petition includes a copy of and data relating to the "long-form" Certification of Death of Stacie Elizabeth Mason (the "Decedent's" "Death Certificate"), as well as the Vero Beach Police Department Inclusive Case Report for Case No. 2026000575 (the "Police Report"). Disclosure of information relating to the Decedent's and Spouse's cause of death, including the Death Certificate and data relating thereto in the Petition and its exhibits, would violate the provisions of Section 382.008(6) and Fl. R. Gen Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.420(d)(1)(B)(vi), which require the Clerk of Court to maintain the confidentiality of the same.

B. The Death Certificate, in particular the entries regarding the manner of death, cause of death, and description of how injury occurred, is confidential. The Petition as a whole is interwoven with data related to the Decedent's and Spouse's respective causes of death, and is therefore also confidential.

C. The below-ordered degree, duration, and manner of the requested confidentiality of the information related to the Decedent's and Spouse's respective causes of death are no broader than necessary to protect the interests set forth in Paragraphs A and B above.

D. No less restrictive measures are available to protect the interests set forth in Paragraphs A and B above.

The Court does therefore

ORDER, ADJUDGE and DECREE that:

1. The Clerk of the Court is hereby directed to seal the file and otherwise prevent the dissemination of the information therein relating to the Decedent's and Spouse's respective causes of death, to the public from the death certificate.

2. Except for those persons named in any subsequent order and under the conditions set forth in any such order, the following are the only persons to have access to and allowed inspection of the documents described above:

(a) The Movant hereto, his attorneys and staff of said attorneys, or any person or persons who requires said information for the post-death administration of Decedent's property;

(b) The Clerk of the Circuit Court and employees thereof in fulfillment of their duties;

(c) Any beneficiary, representative, petitioner or other party who establishes an interest in the Spouse's estate or non-probate property or who otherwise has an interest in the outcome of the underlying Motion to Determine Confidentiality of Court Records, or the Petition to Disinherit;

(c) Any person who establishes that disclosure of the information is necessary for government or judicial accountability or has a proper first amendment right to the information.

3. The Clerk of the Court is hereby directed to publish this order in accordance with Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration, Rule 2.420(d)(4).

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Indian River County, Florida, on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

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eSigned by REBECCA WHITE 10/27/2026 17:01:14

Rebecca White, Circuit Judge

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