

on those motions, (Dkt. 543), and the parties filed additional briefing, (Dkts. 546, 547). On October 1, 2018, the Court entered an order declining to seal Greg Klepper's affidavit, and ordering that the deposition transcript of Thomas Hill remained under seal. (Dkt. 548). The Court then received cross-motions to unseal some or all of the sealed filings. (Dkts. 553, 560).

A district court "may, for good cause, issue an order to protect a party or person from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden." Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c)(1). This rule "confers broad discretion on the trial court to decide when a protective order is appropriate and what degree of protection is required." *Seattle Times Co. v. Rhinehart*, 467 U.S. 20, 36 (1984). In light of the publication of the alleged statements in the deposition under the original sealing order, (Dkt. 522), the underlying purpose of the original sealing order is now moot. The Court concludes that there is no longer good cause for a protective order governing these matters and all related materials should be unsealed.

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that all orders, motions, filings, and evidentiary material related to the deposition of Thomas Hill and affidavit of Greg Klepper, (Dkts. 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 502, 503, 504, 508, 521, 522, 534, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 546, 547, 548) are **UNSEALED**.

SIGNED on October 10, 2018.



ROBERT PITMAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE