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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, NORTHERN DIVISION

EDWARD BRAGGS, et al.,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	
)	CIVIL ACTION NO.
v.)	2:14cv601-MHT
)	(WO)
JEFFERSON S. DUNN, in his)	
official capacity as)	
Commissioner of)	
the Alabama Department of)	
Corrections, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Before the court is the plaintiffs' motion to unseal

they responded to the plaintiffs' motion to unseal the hearing transcript, the defendants never asserted a separate rationale for keeping the hearing confidential. The defendants therefore had no reasonable expectation that the transcript would remain under seal if--as was clearly a possibility at the time of the hearing-- Case 2:14-cv-00601-MHT-GMB Document 2531 Filed 05/13/19 Page 4 of 5

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interest in keeping it confidential. See Romero v. Drummond Co., 480 F.3d 1234, 1246 (11th Cir. 2007).

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Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the plaintiffs' motion to unseal the transcript from the hearing on April 15, 2019 (doc. no. 2495) is granted. The defendants shall immediately arrange to unseal the transcript in its entirety.

DONE, this the 13th day of May, 2019.

/s/ Myron H. Thompson UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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