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Sorry about that. Article 434 of the Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure deals with secrecy of grand jury proceedings. The statute says that such proceedings shall be kept secret by all parties involved. However, after the indictment, such persons may reveal statutory irregularities in the proceedings, or disclose testimony given to show that a witness committed perjury during his testimony. There are several cases dealing with this statute, most filed by prisoners seeking the proceedings of the grand jury that indicted them. In many of these cases the prisoners used La. RS 44:3 as a means to seek disclosure of the proceedings. Most of these cases put forth the same balancing test for disclosure used by the Trenticosta case cited in the memo. The statute does not provide any procedural mechanisms for the routine disclosure of grand jury testimony in situations other than those cited above. I have found no other statute that discusses the disclosure of grand jury proceedings. The statute and the cases are in your box.

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