

# Editorial: Demanding reporters' notes is a bad idea

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If prosecutors, defense attorneys, the police or any other agent can come into a newsroom and take a reporter's materials, journalists cannot do their jobs independently.

Yet that is what an attorney in a local drug case demands.

Theresa Ristenpart represents Braden Riley, one of nine defendants arrested as part of a federal investigation into a Reno opioid distribution ring.

She served *RGJ* breaking news reporter Marcella Corona and the *RGJ* with subpoenas for any materials involving contact with a former Washoe County jail inmate that she thinks might help her client.

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