



EL PASO AND TELLER COUNTY COMBINED COURTS, FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF COLORADO

CHIEF JUDGE ORDER 2017-01 (AMENDED)

RE: POLICY ON COMMUNICATIONS WITH JURORS AND AUDIO-RECORDING, VIDEORECORDING, AND PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE EL PASO COUNTY AND TELLER COUNTY COURTHOUSES, INCLUDING:

- **JURORS AND POTENTIAL JURORS**
- **PROBATION LOBBY AREAS**
- **FILING AND FINANCIAL SERVICE AREAS**
- **COURT CARE.**

The following Order is entered to achieve the following goals:

- A. To preserve the dignity, independence, and integrity of all courtroom proceedings.
 - B. To ensure that there is only one official, reliable record of courtroom proceedings.
 - C. To preserve a reasonable level of privacy for parties and witnesses without sacrificing the inherent value of a public courtroom.
 - D. To protect jurors and potential jurors from improper, outside influences.
 - E. To preserve the privacy of jurors and potential jurors and limit potential threats to, confrontation or interference with, or harassment of them.
 - F. To preserve the ability of those probationers undergoing rehabilitative services with the probation department, and to do so in a safe and orderly manner, uninhibited by confrontation, interference, or harassment.
 - G. To allow court customers to conduct their court business freely, in a safe manner, unhindered by threats, confrontation, interference, or harassment.
 - H. To safeguard the safety and identities of minor children.
1. The video-recording, audio-recording, or photographing of any courtroom proceeding is strictly prohibited, unless expressly authorized by the judge presiding over the court proceeding. This prohibition applies to recordings and photographing of any courtroom proceeding from outside the courtroom itself.

2. The video-recording, audio-recording, or photographing of any juror or potential juror anywhere inside the El Paso Courthouse or Teller County Courthouse is strictly prohibited, except as:
 - a. authorized by a judicial officer; or
 - b. expressly consented to by a juror after the trial for which that juror has served has been fully completed.
3. Nobody may communicate with a juror or potential juror about a pending court case inside the El Paso or Teller County Courthouse, except as:
 - a. authorized by a judicial officer; or
 - b. expressly consented to by a juror after the trial for which that juror has served has been fully completed.
4. The video-recording, audio-recording, or photographing of any probation lobby area inside the El Paso Courthouse or Teller County Courthouse is strictly prohibited, unless authorized by the Chief Judge, Court Executive, or Chief Probation Officer.
5. The video-recording, audio-recording, or photographing of any area inside Court Care or directly in front of the doors to Court Care that could capture any audio or visual image of any minor child is strictly prohibited.
6. There shall be no recording of any court customers as they conduct their court business without the customer's express consent. Such consent by the customer shall be recorded by video-recording or audio-recording means immediately after the customer has consented. Court customers may only consent to recording in areas that are not restricted by this Order.
7. Any violation of this order may subject the violator to contempt of court punishment.

DONE AND SIGNED ON THIS 9TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.



WILLIAM B. BAIN
Chief Judge
Fourth Judicial District