DISTRICT COURT, DOUGLAS COUNTY, COLORADO
4000 Justice Way, Castle Rock, CO 80109
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Plaintiff: The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Case No.: 2019CR451

Div.: 1

## [C-6] AMENDED ORDER RE: COURTROOM DECORUM AND EXPANDED MEDIA COVERAGE

**THIS MATTER** comes before the Court on the upcoming Preliminary-Proof Evident Hearing scheduled for September 24 to 26, 2019. This Order [C-6] amends the Initial Case Management Order [C-1] and Standing Order Regarding Decorum and Expanded Media Coverage [C-2]. However, if an issue addressed in [C-1] and [C-2] is not amended in this Order, the guidelines set forth in [C-1] and [C-2] remain in force. Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** as follows:

## I. EXPANDED MEDIA COVERAGE ("EMC") WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AT THE PRELIMINARY HEARING

Pursuant to Chapter 38, Rule 3 of the Colorado Supreme Court Rules titled "Media Coverage of Court Proceedings" ("Rule 3") subsection (a)(3)(A), notwithstanding an authorization to conduct EMC of a proceeding, there *shall be no* EMC of pretrial hearings in criminal cases, *except* advisements and arraignments. Pursuant to this Rule 3 and because no EMC requests have been filed at this time, the Court *will not* allow EMC at the Preliminary-Proof Evident Hearing scheduled for September 24 to 26, 2019. The rights of the Defendant to a fair trial are the highest priority of the Court. "No right ranks higher than the right of the accused to a fair trial." *Press-Enterprise Co. v. Superior Court*, 464 U.S. 501, 508 (1984).

## II. COURTROOM DECORUM AND USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

All parties and spectators must observe proper courtroom decorum. The following guidelines will be *strictly enforced* by the Court.

- 1. Audible comments and emotional displays and outbursts, as well as displays of insignias, symbols, pictures, clothing, or any other items that may influence the proceedings are *strictly prohibited*.
- 2. If at any time during the proceedings an individual feels the onset of an emotional reaction that may violate the Court's Order, please quietly and discreetly exit the courtroom.

- 3. Usage of cell phones is *prohibited* at any time *except* as needed by counsel to access their calendars for scheduling purposes or other case specific needs (Note: counsel *may not* use their electronic devices for social media purposes).
- 4. No audio or visual recording devices may be used at *any* time in the courtroom without prior approval of the Court.
- 5. Laptops, phones, and other electronic devices *may not* be used in the courtroom *except* counsel for case specific needs.
- 6. Use of such items *may* result in the confiscation and the initiation of contempt proceedings against the user which could result in the imposition of a *jail sentence*.
- 7. Any violators of this Order *may* be subject to contempt proceedings and sanctions and *may* be *barred* from any further court proceedings in this case.
- 8. To the extent possible, the prosecutors and defense attorneys shall instruct the named victims, known family members, friends and supporters of the named victims and the defendant, concerning proper courtroom attire and behavior.
- 9. Counsel and their staff *should* observe spectators as they enter the courtroom to determine whether an issue needs to be raised with the Court outside the presence of the entire audience.
- 10. The Court will ask its staff to exercise the same vigilance.
- 11. The Court *will not* allow any individuals (except DCSO staff) to stand in the gallery of the courtroom. Once the seated area of the gallery reaches capacity, all remaining individuals *will be required* to proceed to the Jury Assembly Room to view the proceedings. Individuals who attempt to stand in the back of the courtroom *will be* escorted from the courtroom and directed to the Jury Assembly Room. The Jury Assembly Room is located on the first floor of the courthouse, behind the front stairs, after walking through security and past the Deli & Coffee Shop. There will be a television in the Jury Assembly Room displaying the proceedings through a closed-circuit television ("CCTV") system.
- 12. The rules outlined in this [C-6] as well as other matters addressed in [C-1] and [C-2] apply equally to the Jury Assembly Room, which is merely an extension of the courtroom, and said Orders will be *strictly enforced*.

The Court will also remind the parties, media, and all spectators that they are still subject to the obligations set forth in Chief Judge Order ("C.J.O") 14-21 and 19-04 concerning expressive activities and electronic devices *subject to the limitations* set forth herein and in [C-1] and [C-2].<sup>1</sup>

SO ORDERED this 23rd day of September 2019.

BY THE COURT:

Theresa M. Slade District Court Judge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Accessible at: <a href="https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Local\_Resources.cfm?District\_ID=18">https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Local\_Resources.cfm?District\_ID=18</a>.