

DISTRICT COURT, BOULDER COUNTY, COLORADO 1777 Sixth Street Boulder, CO 80302	DATE FILED: September 21, 2023 2:13 PM
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO v. AHMAD AL ALIWI ALISSA Defendant	COURT USE ONLY
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<p style="text-align: center;">People’s Response to Defendant’s Motion for this Court to Reconsider its Order Allowing Expanded Media Coverage (D-024)</p>	

On September 18, 2023, Ahmad Al Aliwi Alissa (the “Defendant”) requested that this Court reconsider its order allowing expanded media coverage for the hearing set on September 27-28, 2023 through his Motion for this Court to Reconsider its Order Allowing Expanded Media Coverage (D-024) (the “Motion”). While Defendant correctly cites the Colorado Public Access to Information and Records Rules (“PAIRR”), Defendant’s Motion fails to detail any prejudice Defendant will suffer if the expanded media order stands. The People further state as follows:

I. Argument and Authority

“A judge may authorize expanded media coverage of court proceedings.” *See* Colorado Public Access to Information and Records Rules (“PAIRR”) 3(a). A proceeding includes any hearing or other matter held in open court which the public is entitled to attend. PAIRR 3(a)(1)(A). While every criminal defendant maintains the right to a fair trial, the public has the right to remain

informed regarding cases of interest to the community. *Gentile v. State Bar of Nevada*, 501 U.S. 1030, 1071-75 (1991). Here, Defendant has not articulated any prejudice that would result from expanded media coverage of the upcoming hearing. However, per the PAIRR, expanded media coverage is not allowed at “pretrial hearings in criminal cases, except advisements and arraignments.” PAIRR 3(a)(3)(A).

The People take no position on the expanded media request or the Court’s reconsideration of the order granting the expanded media request so long as the courtroom and hearing remains open to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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