

2023SC520 (1 HOUR)

**Petitioner:**

The People of the State of Colorado,

**v.**

**Respondent:**

Michelle Re Nae Bialas.

**For the Petitioner:**

Jaycey Dehoyos  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

**For the Respondent:**

Meredith K. Rose  
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

Certiorari to the Court of Appeals, 2021CA1645  
Docketed: July 17, 2023  
At Issue: September 11, 2024

ISSUE(S):

Whether moving the defendant's family from the physical courtroom to a livestream viewing room constituted a closure under the Sixth Amendment when the defendant agreed that the viewing room was an appropriate accommodation for the public.

Whether the court of appeals erred in determining that a courtroom closure was nontrivial when the persons "excluded" maintained access to the proceedings through real-time video and audio livestreaming.

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2023SC571 (40 MINUTES)

**Petitioner:**

Isaiah Ismael Rios,

**v.**

**Respondent:**

The People of the State of Colorado.

**For the Petitioner:**

River B. Sedaka  
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

**For the Respondent:**

Brittany Limes Zehner  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Certiorari to the Court of Appeals, 2020CA2054  
Docketed: August 3, 2023  
At Issue: October 9, 2024

ISSUE(S):

Whether the trial court violated Mr. Rios's right to a public trial by excluding all spectators from the physical courtroom during the COVID-19 pandemic, where proceedings remained accessible to the public on Webex and via video streaming in an overflow courtroom.

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2010SA157 (2 HOURS)

**Plaintiff-Appellee:**

The People of the State of Colorado

v.

**Defendant-Appellant:**

Robert Keith Ray.

**For the Plaintiff-Appellee:**

Elisabeth Hunt White  
ELISABETH HUNT WHITE  
and  
Gail K. Johnson  
Eric K. Klein  
JOHNSON & KLEIN PLLC

**For the Respondent:**

Katharine Gillespie  
Carmen Moraleda  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Appeal from the District Court, Arapahoe County, 2006CR697

Docketed: May 10, 2010

At Issue: September 9, 2024

ISSUE(S):

Whether the court reversibly erred by admitting, as res gestae, days of testimony about uncharged-bad-act and negative-character evidence.

Whether the court reversibly erred by admitting witness-fear evidence and an unprecedented volume of victim-impact evidence.

Whether prosecutorial misconduct violated Ray's rights to due process and a fair trial.

Whether the court reversibly erred by misinterpreting CRE 606(b) and failing to hold a complete evidentiary hearing on Ray's juror-misconduct claim.

Alternatively, and following the commutation of Ray's death sentence, whether this court should remand for adjudication of Ray's claims that his mandatory, life-without-parole sentences constitute cruel and unusual punishment.

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