

<p><b>MUNICIPAL COURT, CITY OF AURORA, STATE OF COLORADO</b></p> <p>Court Address:      Municipal Justice Center                                   14999 E. Alameda Parkway                                   Aurora, Colorado    80012</p>	
<p>ORDER CONCERNING MEDIA COVERAGE</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">DECORUM ORDER</p>	

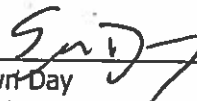
In the exercise of its inherent power to provide for the orderly disposition of cases and pursuant to Canon 3 of the Code of Judicial Conduct, the Court hereby enters the following orders pertaining to the conduct of media and other persons who wish to record proceedings in the Aurora Municipal Court. It is of significant importance to preserve the processes by which a fair trial may be conducted. Any inappropriate attempts to disrupt that process may result in exclusion from further proceedings and/or other legal sanctions. To that end, reasonable accommodation and coordination is necessitated. At all times, access to and movement within the Aurora Municipal Court must remain available for the conduct of the normal business of the Court. Specific requests for expanded media coverage are required for each hearing or proceeding for which such coverage is being requested and shall be addressed by separate order. The media, members of the public having gained access to the Aurora Municipal Court, parties and their legal representatives and agents thereof, shall at all times be subject to this Decorum Order to the extent that it is not inconsistent with any other specific court order. "Proceeding" means any trial, hearing or any trial, hearing or any other matter held in open court that the public is entitled to attend.

1. The following restrictions shall apply to the public areas within the Aurora Municipal Court:
  - A. All electronic devices, including but not limited to computers, cameras, cell phones, video phones, tape recorders or other recording or transmitting devices, shall be barred from the Courthouse except as set forth here and below or as permitted by an expanded media coverage order. Any person who attempts to or does operate any recording or transmitting device within the Courthouse shall be removed from the premises and the device shall be confiscated. This provision shall not apply to employees of the Court or the Marshal's Office, or to other law enforcement personnel in the Aurora Municipal Court for law enforcement purposes.
  - B. No interviews shall be conducted within the Courthouse. This provision does not restrict any member of the public or press from making inquiries of court personnel regarding the scheduling of proceedings, the filing of papers with the Court or requesting any other information in the public record concerning this case.
  - C. There shall be no photography, transmitting or recording of any kind within the Courthouse, except as set forth here and below or as permitted by an expanded media coverage order. This restriction includes photographs, transmissions or recordings of persons inside the Courthouse even if taken or obtained from outside the Courthouse. Nothing in this Order prohibits the press from taking photographs or videotaping into the Courthouse through the glass doors on the main west side entry way, but no photography or videotaping that is intended to capture inside images shall be permitted through any other window or door of the Courthouse.

- D. The media and members of the public may photograph or video graph persons as they come and go from the Courthouse, except that persons known or identified to be summoned or selected jurors may not be photographed or video graphed. Selected jurors will be given a juror badge and any such person displaying the badge shall not be photographed or video graphed. Any summoned juror who displays a jury summons upon entrance to the Courthouse shall not be photographed or video graphed. If they are photographed or video graphed before determined to be a summoned or selected juror, their image shall not be displayed, distributed or identified as a juror. The foregoing provisions pertaining to summoned and selected jurors shall also apply to the hallway cameras when permitted herein or by separate order of the Court. Photographers and video graphers may not harass or chase any person entering or leaving the Courthouse and may not impede the flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic outside the Courthouse.
  - E. At all times there shall be clear passage and entry into the Courthouse for all persons who conduct business with the Court. There shall be no obstructions to clear passage through the public hallway in the Courthouse. At all times there shall be clear passage and entry for law enforcement and other emergency vehicles through the parking lots, entrances and roadways leading to and from the Aurora Municipal Court.
  - F. Notwithstanding the above provisions any member of the media may submit a request for expanded media coverage at least 24 hours prior to any proceeding, to the Office of the Court Administrator. In the event that office is closed request may be submitted to the Communication Department of the City of Aurora. Upon being given permission by the Presiding Judge, the member of the media shall identify themselves to the Marshal at the electronic metal detector. The Marshal will contact the Court Administrator who will escort the media into the Court's rotunda. The media may position one still camera and one video camera with audio transmission disabled in the Courthouse rotunda and one still camera and one video camera will be permitted at the exterior front entryway as coordinated with the Court Administrator's Office. The cameras shall be placed in locations acceptable to the judge and shall be positioned and operated so as to minimize any distraction in the public hallway and at the entranceway. The Court reserves the right to vacate this provision if final arrangements are not acceptable to the Court. If there is more than one (1) media request, a media representative shall be designated for each camera at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to any proceeding. The designated media representative shall inform the Court of his or her identity, affiliation and contact information. No cameras will be permitted if more than one designation is received by the Court. The designated media representative is responsible for arranging an open and impartial distribution scheme for all participants of the media pool.
2. The following restrictions shall apply to all Courtrooms. For purposes of this section 2, "Courtroom" shall also include any spillover Courtroom or other auxiliary listening facility, whether operated by the Court or the Media.
- A. No electronic devices, including but not limited to computers, cameras, cell phones, video phones or other recording or transmitting devices, shall be permitted in the Courtroom except pursuant to an expanded media coverage order. Cameras permitted pursuant to an expanded media coverage order shall be turned on and operating only while court is in session.
  - B. No media interviews shall be conducted in the Courtroom at any time.
  - C. Except for the front row on each side, which will be reserved for the parties in accordance with a predetermined seating plan, the seating on the left side of the Courtroom will be reserved for the media in accordance with a predetermined seating plan and the seating on the right side of the Courtroom will be reserved for the public in accordance with a predetermined seating plan. The public will be admitted to the media portion of the Courtroom only if seating remains available after all media have been seated. The media will be admitted to the public portion of the Courtroom only if seating remains available after all members of the public have been seated. The Court reserves the right to reserve additional seating for the parties and witnesses. Requests for specific seating for family members of the parties shall be made to the Court Administrator. Separate procedures may be established for jury selection days.

- D. All members of the public and media must be seated before the court is in session and must remain seated in the Courtroom (except for emergencies) until the next recess is called. No routine admittance or departure while court is in session will be permitted.
  - E. All members of the public and media must remain quiet, not comment on the proceedings and not engage in any disruptive behavior while in the Courtroom. Signs or symbols on clothing or otherwise indicating support for any party is considered prohibited comment.
  - F. No members of the public and media will be permitted in any area of the Courtroom other than the areas designated for public and media seating.
  - G. All persons who enter the Courtroom may be subject to screening by a magnetometer or wand. The Marshal shall have discretion as to whether a person may be admitted to the Courtroom depending on the results of the screening.
3. The Court may enter further orders concerning movement outside of the Courthouse including the parking areas.
  4. Any violation of the foregoing and any other conduct which the Court finds disruptive of the proceedings may result in an order of temporary or permanent exclusion from the proceedings and/or other legal sanctions.
  5. Additional provisions pertaining to photography or videography of the alleged victim, Defendant, their counsel, families, witnesses and jurors may be addressed by the Court as it becomes necessary.
  6. A copy of the Order shall be posted on the website for the City of Aurora and distributed to all media outlets who are known or subsequently become known to the Communications Department of the City of Aurora.

DATED THIS 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2017

  
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Shawn Day  
Presiding Judge  
Aurora Municipal Court