



media alert

Colorado Judicial Branch
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TO: Media interested in 12CR1522 (People v. James Holmes)
FROM: Rob McCallum, public information officer
RE: Status Hearing, Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013, 9 a.m.

A status hearing to address a new briefing schedule and set a new hearing regarding P-68 in 12CR1522, People v. James Holmes, is docketed for 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013, in **Courthouse 1, Courtroom 201**, of the Arapahoe County Justice Center (7325 S. Potomac St., Centennial, CO 80112). Judge Carlos A. Samour will preside.

The Dec. 17 and 18, 2013, hearing on motion P-68 is vacated. For more details please see today's postings:

http://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Case_Details.cfm?Case_ID=271

COURTHOUSE ENTRY:

The Arapahoe County Justice Center is in the midst of renovations. The main entrance to the Courthouse has been relocated to the southwest side of the building. The old entrance to the Courthouse on the east side of the building remains closed. **Please plan ahead as there is now only one screening station to access the courthouse and the lines can be long especially after 8 a.m. If you are late and caught in the security line you will not be allowed to cut the line. The Arapahoe County Sheriff will be monitoring the security line. Anyone attempting to cut the line will be sent to the back of the line and will likely miss the beginning of the hearing.**

EXPANDED MEDIA COVERAGE (EMC) AND HALLWAY CAMERAS:

This is a docketed as a status hearing, as such cameras will not be allowed in the courtroom.

NEW HALLWAY CAMERA POLICY: In consultation with representatives of the media consortium, we will be moving to a pool camera arrangement in the designated recording area on the second floor of the Courthouse. This will be the same location where cameras have always been placed on the second floor of the Courthouse. One video camera with audio, one still camera and one audio engineer (if necessary) will be permitted to operate on the second floor of the Courthouse. Standard EMC pooling arrangements apply.

The media consortium will provide a list with up to 3 names for the people responsible for the pool imaging and audio on the second floor of the courthouse. The media consortium will provide that list by noon, Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2013.

OUTDOOR CAMERA STAGING AREA:

Cameras may be placed on the designated grassy areas outside the Courthouse.

SEATING:

For this hearing, 40 seats are allocated to news media in Courtroom 201. Members of the media consortium will decide which organizations will have seats in the courtroom and how to disseminate news from the courtroom to organizations that did not get a seat.

The media consortium will provide the seating list for Courtroom 201 by noon Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2013. We will make up badges for reporters who will be in Courtroom 201. **Those reporters should pick up their badges at the media registration site near the entrance of the Courthouse no later than 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 18.** Registration will begin at 7:45 a.m. and will last 45 minutes. In the event any credentials are not picked up, those seats will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis at 8:30 a.m. Be ready to show a valid media credential.

There will be an overflow room for this hearing. Seating in the overflow room will be first-come, first-served for media and general public. Badges for the media overflow will be distributed on the second floor of the courthouse.

SKETCH ARTIST:

One sketch artist identified by the media consortium will be allowed in the courtroom and will occupy one of the 40 media seats. If the sketch artist will not be present for this hearing, that media credential may be used by another media outlet/representative. Please confirm if a sketch artist will be attending.

DECORUM ORDER AND DOCUMENTS:

Laptops, phones and other electronic devices will not be allowed in the courtroom.

The Court's decorum order and all other publicly available case documents are available at
http://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Cases_of_Interest.cfm?District_ID=18

SATELLITE TRUCK PARKING:

Once again, parking in the lot at the Arapahoe County Justice Center will be limited, but space still will be reserved for satellite trucks and vans on a first-come, first-served basis

OTHER:

The courthouse opens at 7 a.m. daily. Courtroom 201 will open approximately 30 minutes before the start of the hearing, as will the overflow courtroom.

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