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<hr/> THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, vs. ANDERSON LEE ALDRICH, Defendant.	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲</p> <hr/> Case Number: 2022CR6008 Div: 21 Ctrm: W450
ORDER REGARDING EXPANDED MEDIA COVERAGE FOR JUNE 26, 2023	

THIS MATTER comes before the Court for consideration of a number of requests for expanded media coverage. These media outlets request WebEx and in-person access to the proceedings for the purpose of recording, streaming, and rebroadcasting the court appearance of June 26, 2023.

The defense has filed an objection to these requests which the court has considered. The court received no objection from the People.

The Court has considered the issues of open and free press coverage and the rights of the parties, witnesses, and relatives of the alleged victims and the defendant, and hereby issues the following order:

Standards for Authorizing Coverage

The presence of expanded media coverage in Colorado’s judicial system is controlled by strict standards spelled out in Colorado Supreme Court Rules, Chapter 38, Rule 3, Media Coverage of Court Proceedings, effective July 1, 2010. In determining whether expanded media coverage should be permitted, a judge shall consider the following factors:

1. Whether there is a reasonable likelihood that expanded media coverage would interfere with the rights of the parties to a fair trial.
2. Whether there is a reasonable likelihood that expanded media coverage would unduly detract from the solemnity, decorum, and dignity of the Court; and

3. Whether expanded media coverage would create adverse effects that would be greater than those caused by traditional media coverage.

Analysis and Ruling

After consideration of the above listed factors, the Court finds that limited and restricted expanded media coverage by WebEx should be permitted. Defense concerns about tainting the jury pool for this case or any parallel federal case can be alleviated through other means such as voir dire or motions for change of venue. The court has considered such issues and finds that expanded coverage would not meaningfully interfere with the rights of the accused in this case. Therefore, expanded media coverage by WebEx will be permitted on June 26, 2023, for the entry of plea but not for any subsequent sentencing hearing. In-person expanded coverage is denied for June 26, 2023.

Authority to Impose Restrictions on Expanded Media Coverage. A judge may restrict or limit expanded media coverage as may be necessary to preserve the dignity of the court or to protect the parties, witnesses, or jurors. A judge may terminate or suspend expanded media coverage at any time upon making findings of fact that: (1) rules established under this Canon or additional rules imposed by the judge have been violated; or (2) substantial rights of individual participants or rights to a fair trial will be prejudiced by such coverage if it is allowed to continue.

WebEx Link

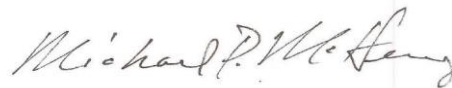
Any media outlet may record, stream, and/or rebroadcast the feed provided by the court's WebEx link found at

<https://judicial.webex.com/judicial/j.php?MTID=m6f3889fe2a7c36a41d12d51240afaa60>

for the portions of the hearing of June 26, 2023, authorized by this order. No other recording, streaming or rebroadcasting is permitted without a specific order of the court. Any violations of this order are subject to loss of expanded coverage and/or sanctions for contempt of court.

DONE THIS 21st DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

BY THE COURT:



MICHAEL P. MCHENRY
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE