

DISTRICT COURT, EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO Court Address: 270 S. TEJON, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO, 80903	DATE FILED: December 20, 2023 11:07 AM
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO v. Defendant(s) CARIE HALLFORD	<p style="text-align: center;">△ COURT USE ONLY △</p> Case Number: 2023CR4856 Division: 9 Courtroom:
Order re Motion for Gag Order	

The court grants with amendment the defendant's Motion for a Pretrial Publicity Order. In reaching its decision the court considered the Motion, the Response, the cited case law, and the Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct. The court notes Pretrial Publicity orders must be narrowly tailored so as avoid being unconstitutional.

The court finds it appropriate to issue such an order to ensure the fairness of the proceedings given the heightened media attention the case has received to date. The court will issue an order by separate filing in 23CR4856 and 23CR4849. The contents of the order are as follows:

The Court anticipates this case may receive continued attention from the media as evidenced by the coverage to date. In order to protect the rights of all parties to a fair trial by an impartial jury as guaranteed by the Colorado and United States Constitutions, and consistent with Rule 3.6 of the Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct, the Court enters the following Order re: Pretrial Publicity:

1. This Order shall apply to all parties, attorneys of record, any attorney associated with an attorney of record, employees of the District Attorney's Office, employees of any party or attorney of record, investigators working on behalf of any party or attorney of record, and all public law enforcement agencies involved in the investigation of this case.
2. No person identified in paragraph 1 of this Order shall make any extrajudicial statement regarding any aspect of this case, except as follows:
 - a. Information contained in a public record, including information contained in Court documents which have not been filed under seal;
 - b. Information disclosed during Court proceedings unless such proceedings are closed by Court order;
 - c. The fact that an investigation is in progress and a request for information or assistance in connection with that investigation;
 - d. The dates of any scheduled court appearances and the general nature of the matters to be addressed at those hearing, unless such proceedings are closed by Court order;
 - e. Identifying information regarding the accused;
 - f. The fact, time, and place of arrest; and
 - g. The identity of investigating and/or arresting officers and the agency with which they are associated.
3. All attorneys of record are ORDERED to disseminate copies of this Order to all persons associated with their side of this case. Those persons should also be advised of the possible remedies which could be imposed, including contempt or change of venue, for violation of the terms of this Order.
4. The Order shall remain in effect until further Order of this Court, and a copy of this order shall be filed in 23CR4856.

Issue Date: 12/20/2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. H. Moller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "W. H." and the last name "Moller" clearly distinguishable.

WILLIAM H MOLLER
District Court Judge