

DISTRICT COURT, EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO Court address: 270 S. Tejon Colorado Springs, CO 80903 Phone Number: (719) 452-5284	<hr/> Court Use Only <hr/> Case Number: 23CR4856 <hr/> Division 9 Courtroom S305
Plaintiff: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, vs. Defendant: Carie Hallford	
AMENDED ORDER AUTHORIZING EXPANDED MEDIA COVERAGE	

This matter is set for Preliminary Hearing, Motions Hearing, and Bond Argument on 11 January 2024 at 1:30PM. The proceedings will be broadcast via Webex and the Colorado Judicial Branch’s Livestream; however, Expanded Media Coverage will not be available for the Preliminary Hearing per Rule 3, Chapter 38 of Colorado Supreme Court Rules.

In making this order the court has considered:

1. Whether Livestream and in courtroom media coverage would interfere with the rights of the of the parties to a fair trial, and
2. Whether there is a reasonable likelihood that media coverage would unduly detract from the decorum and dignity of the court,
3. Whether media coverage would create adverse effects greater than those caused by traditional coverage.

The court finds that while media coverage can have an adverse effect on a parties’ right to a fair trial that the court can balance the right to a fair trial with the public’s right to court access by placing restrictions on the coverage. Accordingly, with the restrictions outlined below the court finds it can maintain the decorum and dignity of the court while also preserving the parties’ right to a fair trial. Additionally, because the court is limiting image and audio access to that obtained via Livestream the court finds there will be no greater adverse consequences to any party given the extensive media coverage this case has already garnered.

Accordingly, any observer of the Webex and/or Livestream associated with a media outlet that has filed a request for EMC may capture still images or audio of the proceedings and is authorized to rebroadcast them with the following EXCEPTIONS:

- There shall be NO audio, video, or still image capture of bench conferences.

- There shall be NO capture of any audio or video or still photo of court staff.
- There shall be no audio recording or close-up photography of communications between counsel and client or between co-counsel.
- Only still images of the defendant may be captured from the Livestream; any other person in the still image must be blurred or removed from the still image.
- Only still images of the defendant's head may be used.

Additionally, use of any camera in the courtroom or third floor hallway of the south tower of the El Paso County Combined Courts is PROHIBITED. Participants, media, and observers are PROHIBITED from blocking hallways, entrances, or exits in or out of the courthouse. Interviews or press conferences on the third floor of the south tower are also PROHIBITED on days when court is in session.

Media representatives will be permitted in the courtroom during the motions and bond hearings on a first come/first served basis with 4 seats being reserved. Due to limited space, no other media representatives will be allowed in the courtroom during the proceedings.

When a media representative is in the courtroom, they may tweet, blog, or send real time messages so long as those activities do not interfere with the proceedings; however, they may not record any portion of the court proceedings nor may a member of the public at large. Attorneys for the parties may have, and use, electronic devices to the extent necessary for their work on the case.

Once the proceedings begin, some seating will be reserved for immediate family; otherwise, seating will only be available on a first come, first served basis. Family and members of the prosecution and defense team will be permitted to leave the courtroom and return as necessary.

If anyone else leaves before a break, they will not be permitted to return until a later break. Seats cannot be saved or reserved for someone without prior Court approval.

The Court may restrict, or limit Livestream access as may be necessary to preserve the dignity of the Court or to protect the parties.

The Court may terminate or suspend Livestream access at any time upon making findings of fact that:

- (1) the rules established have been violated; or

(2) the substantial rights of individual participants or the parties' right to a fair trial will be prejudiced by such coverage if it is allowed to continue.

Any violation of the foregoing instructions, and any other conduct which the Court finds disruptive to the proceedings, may result in an order of temporary or permanent exclusion from the proceedings and/or other legal sanctions.

SO ORDERED this 8th day of January 2024.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. H. Moller", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

William H. Moller
District Court Judge