DISTRICT COURT, TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO

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PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, Plaintiff,

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PATRICK FRAZEE, Defendant Case Number:

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Division 11

STANDING DECORUM ORDER FOR JURY SELECTION AND TRIAL

The Court is charged with ensuring the orderly disposition of this case and preserving the processes by which a fair trial may be conducted. To that end, the Court enters the following Decorum Order pertaining to the conduct of the trial in this matter. The media, the public, the parties, and the parties' legal representatives and agents shall at all times be subject to this Order. This Order supersedes any other Decorum Orders previously entered in this case.

## I. COURTHOUSE GROUNDS AND FACILITIES

- a. The courthouse was built in 1904 and has two very small hallways on each floor. The Teller County Clerk and Recorder, Treasurer, Assessor's offices and County Court Division T are also located in the courthouse.
- b. Access to and movement within the Teller County Courthouse and its grounds must remain available for the conduct of the normal business at all times. There shall be clear passage and entry for all persons conducting business at the courthouse.
- c. This ORDER applies to the entire Teller County Courthouse and county property surrounding the courthouse. The Teller County Courthouse property is defined by W. Bennett Avenue on the south, N. First Street on the east, the entire courthouse park and west alleyway on the west and includes the north alleyway and north alleyway parking on the north side.

## II. PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO, AUDIO RECORDING AND CELL PHONES

- a. No photography, or audio, or video recording of any kind is permitted within the Division 11 Courtroom, the courthouse or surrounding courthouse property as defined in paragraph I.c. ALL CELL PHONES MUST BE TURNED OFF OR ON SILENT AT ALL TIMES.
- b. <u>NO LIVE REPORTING OF ANY KIND</u> is permitted from Division 11, the courthouse or surrounding courthouse property as defined in paragraph I.c.
- c. Media may take notes on laptops, cell phones, tablets or ipads as long as they are silent and do not affect the proceedings. If the Court determines electronic note taking is detracting from, impeding or affecting the proceedings, all electronic devices will be banned from Division 11. ALL CELL PHONES must remain turned off or on silent at all times.
- d. Attorneys for the prosecution and the defense and their staff members may have and use electronic devices to the extent necessary for the prosecution or defense of the case.

- e. Prospective and seated jurors may possess cellular phones; however, all cellular phones must be turned off or on silent before entering Division 11 Courtroom and must remain turned off while the prospective and seated jurors are in the courtroom.
- f. Any person who operates or attempts to operate any electronic device within Division 11 Courtroom or any other courtroom or room used for purposes of proceedings in this case in violation of this Order shall be removed from the premises and/or shall be subject to contempt proceedings. If a law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that any electronic device was used or is being used in violation of this Order, he or she may immediately confiscate such device. Law enforcement officers shall have the discretion to temporarily secure any device confiscated for purposes of conducting an investigation of a violation of this Order.
- g. The foregoing provisions regarding electronic devices shall not apply to employees of the Court or the Teller County Sheriff's Office, or to other law enforcement personnel on the courthouse property for law enforcement purposes.

## III. NO CONTACT WITH JURORS

- a. The media and members of the public may not capture images of any persons known or identified to be summoned prospective jurors or selected jurors anywhere in the courthouse or surrounding courthouse property, including in the parking lots or wherever a juror is located. Prospective and selected jurors will be given a juror badge, and any person displaying such badge shall not have his or her image captured. If an image of a person is captured before that person is determined to be a summoned prospective juror or a selected juror, his or her image shall not be displayed, distributed, published, or identified as a prospective juror or selected juror.
- b. Persons known or identified to be summoned prospective jurors or selected jurors shall not be approached, contacted, questioned, interviewed, or harassed, whether on or off the Teller County Courthouse property, about his or her prospective service, qualifications, opinions, or any other matter concerning this case until such time as the summoned prospective juror or selected juror has been discharged from jury service.

## IV. ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO DIVISION 11 COURTROOM

- a. The public and the media will be admitted to the gallery of Division 11 Courtroom only if seating remains available. The Court has the right to reserve seating for the parties and witnesses. Requests for specific seating for the victims and their family members and the defendant's family members shall be made to the Clerk of the Court. Alternate procedures will be established for jury selection days.
- b. Except for emergencies, all members of the public and media in Division 11 Courtroom shall be seated before the Court session begins. When the Judge enters the courtroom, everyone must rise and then be seated at his direction. Everyone must then remain seated until a recess is called. No admittance will be permitted while Court is in session. Spectators or media leaving the courtroom while the Court is in session will not be permitted to re-enter until the next break.
- c. Audible comments and emotional displays or outbursts, as well as the display of insignias, symbols, pictures, clothing, or any other items that may influence the jury or which are intended to convey a message about a person, an issue, or cause (including a message of support for someone or something) are strictly prohibited. If at any time

during the proceedings an individual feels the onset of an emotional reaction that may violate this Order, he or she must quietly and discreetly exit the courtroom. Anyone who violates this Order will be subject to contempt proceedings and may be barred from attending the remainder of the trial.

d. No members of the public or media shall be permitted in any part of Division 11 Courtroom or any other courtroom or room used for purposes of the proceedings in this case other than areas designated for public and media seating. The Jury Assembly Room on the top floor may be reserved for victims, jurors, witnesses or other purposes; if so reserved, entry into the Jury Assembly Room by members of the public and the media is strictly prohibited.

Any violation of the foregoing provisions, 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 contempt proceedings.

A designated media staging/parking area will be established. This parking area is to be used by media on a first-come first-served, basis. Media parking will not be permitted in the west courthouse parking lot, or north alleyway parking area.

A copy of this Decorum Order shall be posted, at a minimum, at all entrances to the courthouse as well as outside Division 11 Courtroom and any other courtroom or room used for purposes of the proceedings in this case.

DATED this 23/Lday of October, 2019.

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BY THE COURT:

Scott A. Sells

District Court Judge