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PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, Plaintiff, Vs PATRICK FRAZEE, Defendant	DATE FILED: October 8, 2019 Court Use Only Case Number: Division 11
ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR EXPANDED MEDIA COVERAGE	

I have considered the requests for Expanded Media Coverage filed by KCNC, KKTU and KUSA for the jury trial beginning October 28, 2019. The defense has filed an objection to the KUSA request. Jury selection will begin on the morning of October 28th and is expected to last for several days. I FIND and ORDER as follows:

STANDARDS FOR AUTHORIZING COVERAGE

Chapter 38, Rule 3 of the Colorado Supreme Court Rules provides the standard of authorizing expanded media coverage. 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.

Expanded Media Coverage of jury voir dire is prohibited. The Teller County courthouse was built in 1904 and is ill-suited for modern technology.

I anticipate that 16 jurors will be selected for the trial and several may need to be seated outside the jury box in relative proximity to the witness chair and counsel table. Expanded media coverage would likely result in in-advertent close-up photography of jurors.

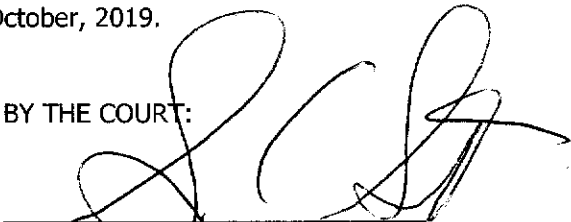
In considering all the above, I find that expanded media coverage of the trial would interfere with the rights of the parties to a fair trial, detract from the solemnity, decorum and dignity of the Court and would create adverse effects greater than those caused by traditional media coverage. The requests for Expanded Media Coverage for the jury trial is DENIED and any future requests are also DENIED.

A pre-trial readiness is scheduled for October 18, 2019. As of this date no requests for Expanded Media Coverage have been filed. I have considered the standards for authorizing coverage and will not permit any expanded media coverage for the October 18, 2019 hearing.

DECORUM Orders for the October 18th hearing and October 28th jury trial will be issued in the near future.

SO ORDERED this 8 day of October, 2019.

BY THE COURT:


 Scott A. Sells
 District Court Judge