District Court, Adams County, State of Colorado

Court Address: Adams County Justice Center
1100 Judicial Center Drive
Brighton, Colorado 80601

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO,
Plaintiff,

v.

JEREMY COOPER,
Defendant.

Case No. 21CR2800

Div. L Ctrm: 402

ORDER – Expanded Media Coverage of Sentencing Hearing

The matter is before the Court on several requests for expanded media coverage of the sentencing hearing for Jeremy Cooper. The first request was filed by Denver 7/KMGH in early January of 2024. The sentencing hearing is currently scheduled for April 26, 2024.

The requests encompass livestreaming, still photography, and recording and rebroadcast of the Webex© broadcast.

The sentencing hearing will be livestreamed through Webex©.

The Court has reviewed the motions and rules as follows: Standards for Authorizing Coverage. The Court has reviewed Colorado Supreme Court Rules, Chapter 38, Rule 3, which 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.

The Court has also reviewed Chief Justice Directives 23-02 and 23-03, as well as § 13-1-132 C.R.S., (HB23- 1182). The Court is aware of the high level of public interest in the case and seeks

to provide public access to the proceedings in the spirit of the recently adopted statute and Chief Justice Directives.

Unless otherwise stated in this order, the 17th Judicial District Chief Judge Directive 10-02 will govern the use of electronic devices and media conduct in the Courthouse.

Denver7/KMGH may record and broadcast the sentencing hearing for Jeremy Cooper. The court grants allowance for one video camera in the courtroom. Denver7/KMGH may feed the signal out via a backpack live unit to the other local outlets via a shared pool line. Denver7/KMGH will make individual arrangements with National media outlets if they are not able to work through their local affiliate to get the shared pool line. Livestream recording will be allowed for Denver7/KMGH. The station will make arrangements after the sentencing to feed to outlets who did not make prior arrangements with their own EMC motion to record the livestream.

In addition to the livestream, the courtroom will also be open to media representatives and members of the public wishing to view the proceedings in person. No interviews shall be conducted within the courtroom of any party (including the Defendant), family members of a party, or attorneys engaged in the case within the courtroom or any of these individuals as they enter or exit the courtroom.

Based upon the foregoing, the Court will decline the requests for still photography or other audio or video recording in the courtroom.

The other media outlets who have made expanded media coverage request are:

CBS News Colorado, KOAA, The Denver Post, The Associated Press, Court TV, 9News, ABC News, KDVR/KWGN, Reuters, ABC News (dual request), and CNN. To the extent that the foregoing outlets are unable to access the shared pool line these outlets may record the audio and video and then rebroadcast the Webex© broadcast and stills from the broadcast.

Dated at Brighton, Colorado this 19th day of April, 2024.

By the court:

Duly signed original in court file

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Mark D. Warner

District Court Judge