



media alert

Colorado Judicial Branch
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TO: Media interested in 12CR1522 (People v. James Holmes)
FROM: Rob McCallum, public information officer
RE: Jury Trial, Monday, April 27, 2015

Court will be in session for 12CR1522 (People of the State of Colorado v. James Holmes) on Monday, April 27, 2015, in Courthouse 1, Courtroom 201, of the Arapahoe County Justice Center (7325 S. Potomac St., Centennial, CO 80112). A status conference is docketed for 9 a.m. with opening statements in the jury trial to begin at 12:15 p.m. Chief Judge Carlos A. Samour, Jr. will preside.

SEATING:

For the status conference and jury trial, 40 seats are allocated to the news media in Courtroom 201. Members of the media consortium will decide which organizations will have seats in the courtroom and how to disseminate news from the courtroom to organizations that did not get a seat.

The media consortium, through Mr. Jim Anderson of AP Denver (janderson@ap.org), will provide the seating list for Courtroom 201 by close of business, Thursday, April 23, 2014.

We will make up badges for reporters who will be in Courtroom 201. **Those reporters should pick up their badges in the lobby of Courthouse 1 no later than 8:30 a.m. on Monday, April 27.** Registration will begin at 7:45 a.m. and will last 45 minutes. In the event any credentials are not picked up, those seats will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis at 8:30 a.m. Be ready to show a valid media credential.

Ongoing or new media credentialing will be addressed after the first two weeks of the trial or as deemed necessary by this office. If your media outlet intends to have a reporter, producer or editor attend every day of the trial from start to finish, please make that known to Mr. Anderson in your response to this media alert.

OVERFLOW SEATING:

Courtrooms 202 and 204 will provide overflow seating with audio and video first for the victims and then for media and public. Any seating for media and public in those courtrooms will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Credentials will not be necessary for access to these rooms. There are approximately 75 seats total between the two courtrooms. The Court's decorum order applies in these overflow rooms. Electronic devices are prohibited.

EXPANDED MEDIA COVERAGE (EMC):

The Court has granted limited Expanded Media Coverage of the trial. Aside from the Court's CCTV camera, no cameras will be permitted in Courtroom 201. Please see the Court's [Order Regarding Requests for Expanded Media Coverage \(C-137\)](#).

COURTHOUSE AND HALLWAY CAMERA POLICY:

Per the Court's [Order Regarding Requests for Expanded Media Coverage \(C-137\)](#), cameras are prohibited in Courthouse 1, Courthouse 2 and the "Link" building between the two courthouses in the Arapahoe County Justice Center.

OUTDOOR CAMERA STAGING AREA:

Cameras may be placed within the designated areas as identified in the Court's [Order Regarding Requests for Expanded Media Coverage \(C-137\)](#) and the Court's [Order Regarding Motion by Media Petitioners to Amend EMC and Standing Decorum Orders \(C-194\)](#).

Please see "Attachment A" in Order C-194 for a map of the designated media parking area and camera positions.

SKETCH ARTIST:

A sketch artist will be permitted in Courtroom 201 and will occupy one of the 40 media seats. Please confirm if a sketch artist will be attending. **If a sketch artist is in attendance, he/she will not be permitted to sketch any images of the jurors.**

DECORUM ORDER AND DOCUMENTS:

Laptops, phones and other electronic devices will not be allowed in the courtroom or overflow rooms within the courthouse while court is in session.

[The Court's decorum order.](#)

[All other publicly available case documents.](#)

PRESS ROOM:

The file viewing room adjacent to the clerk's office in Courthouse 1 has been reserved as a press room/media work space. You are welcome to use your electronic devices in this room, but the CCTV feed will not be available in this room. Security will not be provided in this room. If you leave your personal belongings in this room, the Court and Arapahoe County are not responsible for your belongings. If the media pool desires to have a deputy sheriff or security guard monitor this location, you will need to make arrangements with the Arapahoe County Sheriff. There will be a fee for this service.

SATELLITE TRUCK PARKING:

Once again, parking in the lot at the Arapahoe County Justice Center will be limited, but space still will be reserved for satellite trucks and vans on a first-come, first-served basis. The Court has ordered that media not park anywhere in the parking lot outside of the designated media parking area. This includes personal vehicles operated by members of the media. If members of the media are found to be parking personal vehicles in the general parking area it will be addressed by the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office and/or the Court as a violation on the Court's orders.

SHUTTLE SERVICE:

From April 27 to 30, the Court will operate a shuttle service for media and public between 13655 E. Broncos Parkway (between the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Administration Building and Denver Broncos practice facility) and the Arapahoe County Justice Center. The shuttle will operate as needed between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. After May 1, the media pool will need to make arrangements for offsite parking and any desired shuttle services.

OTHER:

The courthouse opens at 7:30 a.m. daily. Courtrooms 201, 202 and 204 will open approximately 30 minutes before Court convenes.

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