



media alert

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TO: Media interested in 12CR1522 (People v. James Holmes)
FROM: Rob McCallum, public information officer
RE: Closing Arguments – July 14, 2015

Closing arguments for 12CR1522 (People of the State of Colorado v. James Holmes) will take place on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, in Courthouse 1, Courtroom 201, of the Arapahoe County Justice Center (7325 S. Potomac St., Centennial, CO 80112). Chief Judge Carlos A. Samour, Jr. will preside.

Court will begin at 9 a.m. with the reading of jury instructions. The prosecution will then make initial closing argument, followed by the defense's closing argument and then the prosecution's rebuttal. Each side has been given two hours for closings.

SEATING:

For the closings and reading of the verdict, 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 noon, Monday, July 13, 2015.

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 Tuesday, July 14.** 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.

The courtroom credentials issued for closings will also be valid for the reading of the verdict.

OVERFLOW SEATING:

Courtrooms 202 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 the overflow will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Credentials will not be necessary for access to this room. 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.

OTHER:

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

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