

DISTRICT COURT, ARAPAHOE COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO 7325 S. Potomac St. Centennial, Colorado 80112	▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO v. JAMES EAGAN HOLMES, Defendant	Case No. 12CR1522 Division: 201
ORDER REGARDING THE DENVER POST'S MOTION FOR EXPANDED MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE HEARING DURING WHICH THE COURT WILL: (1) SENTENCE THE DEFENDANT ON COUNTS 25 TO 141 AND 143 TO 166; AND (2) BASED SOLELY ON THE OUTCOME OF THE JURY'S DELIBERATIONS IN PHASE 3 OF THE CAPITAL SENTENCING HEARING, ENTER THE REQUIRED SENTENCES ON COUNTS 1 TO 24 (C-224)	

The Court started selecting a jury on January 20, 2015. On July 16, the jury returned its verdicts. Because the jury found the defendant guilty of 24 counts of Murder in the First Degree, a capital sentencing hearing commenced on July 22. On July 23, the jury found that the prosecution proved beyond a reasonable doubt four aggravating factors for each of the 24 counts of Murder in the First Degree. On August 3, the jury found beyond a reasonable doubt that the mitigating factors that exist do not outweigh the statutory aggravating factors proven by the prosecution with respect to each of the 24 counts of Murder in the First Degree.

Accordingly, the sentencing hearing proceeded to Phase 3, which commenced on August 4. The jury is currently deliberating.

The Court is in receipt of The Denver Post's motion for expanded media coverage. Specifically, The Denver Post requests "still photography" coverage of the hearing during which the Court will: (1) sentence the defendant on counts 25 to 141 and 143 to 166; and (2) based solely on the outcome of the jury's deliberations in Phase 3 of the capital sentencing hearing, enter the required sentences on counts 1 to 24. The Court has labeled the motion "C-224." The Court requests that the parties indicate no later than Tuesday, August 11, 2015 whether they have an objection to this motion.

Dated this 7th day of August of 2015.

BY THE COURT:



Carlos A. Samour, Jr.
District Court Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 7, 2015, a true and correct copy of the Court's **Order Regarding The Denver Post's Motion for Expanded Media Coverage of the Hearing During Which the Court Will: (1) Sentence the Defendant on Counts 25 to 141 and 143 to 166; and (2) Based Solely on the Outcome of the Jury's Deliberations in Phase 3 of the Capital Sentencing Hearing, Enter the Required Sentences on Counts 1 to 24 (C-224)** was served upon the following parties of record:

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