District Court, Boulder County, Colorado	
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Boulder, CO 80306	
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO	DATE FILED: September 18, 2023
V.	
AHMAD AL ALIWI ALISSA	
Defendant.	
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Megan Ring, Colorado State Public Defender	Case No. 21CR497
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Supervising Deputy State Public Defender	Division 13
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## MR. ALISSA'S MOTION FOR THIS COURT TO RECONSIDER ITS ORDER ALLOWING EXPANDED MEDIA COVERAGE (D-024)

Ahmad Alissa, through counsel, requests this Court reconsider its order granting expanded media coverage for the competency hearing. In support of this motion, Mr. Alissa states:

- 1. Mr. Alissa is set for a competency hearing on September 27th and 28th, 2023.
- 2. On September 6<sup>th</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, media outlets filed a request for expanded media coverage. Before giving Mr. Alissa an appropriate opportunity to file a pleading in response to those requests, this Court issued an Order allowing expanded media coverage. That Order violates Rule 3 of the Colorado Rules governing Public Access to Records and Information and therefore this Court must reconsider its Order and deny that request.
- 3. Rule 3 of the Colorado Rules governing Public Access to Records and Information sets limitations on when the Court can consider expanded media coverage. The rule explicitly prohibits expanded media coverage for pretrial hearings in criminal cases, except for advisements and arraignments. Colo. R. Pub.Acc.Rec. & Info. Rule 3(a). Mr. Alissa is not set for an advisement or arraignment on September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The rule is not discretionary. In pertinent part the Rule states:

"Notwithstanding an authorization to conduct expanded media coverage of a proceeding, there *shall* be no:

A. Expanded media coverage of pretrial hearings in criminal cases, except advisements and arraignments..."

Colo. R. Pub.Acc.Rec. & Info. Rule 3(a). Emphasis Added.

4. Therefore this Court must deny the request.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that this Court reconsider its Order and deny all media outlets' requests for expanded media coverage.

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Dated: September 18, 2023

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