



Chief Judge Order 25-07
18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT GRAND JURY VENUE DESIGNATIONS AND
MOTIONS FOR RELEASE OF GRAND JURY MATERIALS

House Bill 20-1026 separates the existing 18th Judicial District (Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, and Lincoln Counties) into the 18th Judicial District (Arapahoe County) and the 23rd Judicial District (Douglas, Elbert, and Lincoln Counties). The effective date of this transition to two separate judicial districts is January 14, 2025. *See* C.R.S. § 13-5-123.2.

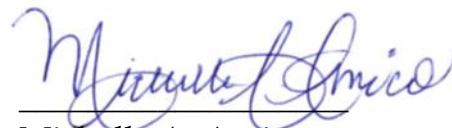
In her capacity as Chief Judge, the undersigned presides over grand jury cases in the 18th Judicial District. Presiding over the grand jury has historically been a function of the Chief Judge; however, on occasion, a different judicial officer has been appointed by the Chief Judge to serve as an Acting Chief Judge in grand jury matters. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 13-74-107, “[a]ny indictment by a judicial district grand jury shall be returned to the chief judge without any designation of venue. Thereupon, the judge shall, by order, designate the county of venue for the purpose of trial.” C.R.S. § 13-74-107(1). Accordingly, when an indictment has been

returned from the 18th Judicial District Grand Jury, the Chief Judge has designated venue as Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, or Lincoln County. With the creation of the 23rd Judicial District on January 14, 2025, the undersigned, in her capacity as Chief Judge who presides over the 18th Judicial District Grand Jury, finds that any previously made venue designations are not impacted by the separation of the judicial districts and those venue designations remain in effect.

Furthermore, in her capacity as presiding judge over the Eighteenth Judicial District Grand Jury, the undersigned handles certain motions related to grand jury materials. For example, Crim. P. 6.9 provides provisions for release of grand jury testimony, minutes, reports, or exhibits relating to them to the prosecutor and witness. *See* Crim. P. 6.9(a), (b). And per Crim. P. 16, the prosecutor shall make available to the defense “with consent of the judge supervising the grand jury, all transcripts of grand jury testimony and all tangible evidence presented to the grand jury in connection with the case.” Crim. P. 16(I)(a)(1)(II). When an indictment is filed arising out of the 18th Judicial District Grand Jury, the undersigned typically reviews and rules on any Motion for Release of Grand Jury Materials in the associated criminal case, which is filed in Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, or Lincoln County. With the creation of the 23rd Judicial District on January 14, 2025, and with the recognition that some of the criminal cases involving indicted defendants might still be in pretrial stages, the undersigned, in her capacity as Chief Judge who presides over the 18th Judicial District Grand Jury, hereby delegates authority to the Chief Judge in the 23rd Judicial District to rule on any new Motions for Release of Grand Jury Materials in Douglas, Elbert, or Lincoln County cases. Similarly, the undersigned delegates authority to the Chief Judge of the 23rd Judicial District to rule on other substantive motions related to the release of materials from the grand jury selection process.

SO ORDERED this 14th day of January 2025.

BY THE COURT:



Michelle A. Amico

Chief Judge

Eighteenth Judicial District