

DISTRICT COURT, MESA COUNTY, COLORADO Court Address: MESA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER, 125 NORTH SPRUCE STREET, GRAND JUNCTION, CO, 81501	DATE FILED: February 10, 2023 9:37 AM
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO v. Defendant(s) TINA MARIE PETERS	
△ COURT USE ONLY △ Case Number: 2022CR371 Division: 9 Courtroom:	

Order: Request for Expanded Media Coverage - the Associated Press

The motion/proposed order attached hereto: MOOT.

The following Order, in part, was previously issued. It has been modified slightly. It has been modified to allow a live feed from KREX/KFQX, if they so choose.

Before me are various motions for expanded media coverage ("EMC"). I have considered the motions, the responses, and the file.

This case has garnered significant media attention, and is a case of public interest both statewide and nationally. With the exception of Defendant's arraignment, the Court has not allowed EMC. WebEx has been utilized, though.

Defendant objects to any EMC for trial. Subject to limitations, the People do not object.

Given the public interest in this case and the goal of transparency, I find the EMC request should be granted in part. Many of Defendant's concerns can be allayed by limitations on the scope of the media coverage allowed. With the following limitations in place, I do not find that EMC would compromise either party's right to a fair trial.

Court rules do not allow EMC at pretrial proceedings, so this Order will only apply to trial. If WebEx is on during any pretrial proceeding there will be no broadcasting, rebroadcasting, photos, video recording, or audio recording of the same. WebEx will not be on during trial as it will be too cumbersome (muting/unmuting, monitoring live feed, ensuring no recording, etc.) for the Court to manage.

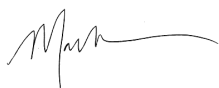
During trial (but not during jury selection), I authorize a single audio/video camera to be placed in the back right corner (jury side) of the courtroom, and subject to the following:

The footage is to be shared in a pooled fashion. A live fee is authorized. KREX and KFQX made the initial, and combined, request for EMC so they are tasked with effectuating this Order.

The video is only permitted to film the witnesses testifying, the lawyers asking questions, the Court, and any exhibits that are published. The video is specifically precluded from showing the jurors (collectively or individually) or any documents, computers screens, notes or other work product on counsel tables. No "zooming in" of bench conferences is allowed.

When proceedings are ongoing, only one camera operator/technician is allowed in the courtroom. The Court will open the courtroom early so that the camera can be set up, and without disruption to the proceedings.

Issue Date: 2/10/2023



MATTHEW DAVID BARRETT
 District Court Judge

Request for Expanded Media Coverage

Name of media group (required)**Name of person making request (required)****Title of person making request (required)****Phone number (required)****Email address (required)****Name of counsel (if represented)****Counsel phone number (if represented)****Counsel email address (if represented)****Date of proceeding (required)****Time of proceeding (required)** : **Type of proceeding****Case number (required)****Case name (required)****Court type (required)**

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Type of Expanded Media Coverage

- Audio
- Video
- Still Photography
- Webex Audio
- Webex Video
- Webex Still Photography

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Granted

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Description of the pooling arrangements required by [Chapter 38, Rule 3, Section 5\(B\)](#), including identity of the designated representatives.

The Associated Press requests that the trial from March 6-14 be made available by WebEx either by audio only or by video and audio. If it is made available by WebEx video, we request permission to record it.

Certificates of Service: provide the names and contact information, including email address when available, used to serve this EMC request on the District Attorney, counsel for the Defendant and other media organizations involved in this request. Note: EMC requests will not be considered by the Court if service on the parties is incomplete.

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Today's Date (required)

2/8/2023

I agree with the criteria set forth in [Chapter 38, Rule 3](#), as well as all orders, rules, restrictions, or limitations issued or imposed by the court relating to expanded media coverage, including the provision requiring EMC applications to be submitted at least 24 hours in advance of the court proceeding in question. Under certain circumstances, judges may consider requests filed less than 24 hours in advance.

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