



20th Judicial District
Boulder County Combined Courts

Media Plan and Guidance

The People of the State of Colorado v. Ahmad Al Aliwi Alissa Trial

August-September 2024

Updated August 26, 2024

Trial Information

20th Judicial District
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1777 6th St., Boulder, CO 80302
PO Box 4249
Boulder, CO 80306

Case Number, Charge(s)

2021CR497, Homicide

Court Contact Information

Media Contact

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Research Department (records requests)

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(720) 664-1468
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



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Media Access

Court documents

All publicly accessible documents, motions, and records for this trial will be posted on the 20th Judicial District website at coloradojudicial.gov/courts/trial-courts/boulder-county, under cases of interest link, 2021CR497 - [People of the State of Colorado v. Ahmad Al Aliwi Alissa](https://coloradojudicial.gov/node/79) (coloradojudicial.gov/node/79). Please review the case site before making a specific records request from the court.

Interviews

Judges, court staff, and jurors may not discuss active cases. Jurors who wish to be interviewed after the conclusion of the cases may do so, but this will need to be coordinated through the individual and not the courts.

For interviews with victims' family members, please contact the Boulder District Attorney's Office:

Shannon Carbone
Public Information Officer
Boulder County District Attorney's Office
scarbone@bouldercounty.gov

Courthouse security

Members of the public and media must pass through a metal detector and security screening by court security officers.

Closed sessions

Certain proceedings are always closed to the public and media. Jury deliberations and attorney-client meetings will occur in private. These rules are designed to protect the integrity of the process and preserve the right to a fair and impartial trial. The judge may also meet privately with the attorneys in chambers.



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Media On-site

Credentialed Media

The press should be prepared to show credentials from a recognized media outlet on-site. Those that need credentialing will be issued according to the Court's credentialing process and within the Court's discretion. The Colorado Judicial Branch's Chief Communications Officer, Suzanne Karrer, will administer the media credentialing process.

All requests for credentials must be made to suzanne.karrer@judicial.state.co.us. The person requesting a media credential must be prepared to present credentials identifying the person as a member of a recognized media organization.

Courtroom access

The court proceedings are open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. Eight reserved seats will be available for credentialed media members, available on a first-come, first-served basis, limited to one representative per outlet. Members of the public and media members will be able to access Courtroom G beginning at 7:30 a.m. each day.

The proceedings will be available on Webex live streaming at live.coloradojudicial.gov for viewing outside the courtroom.

There will not be a dedicated media room, but reporters can use unoccupied small conference rooms located around the building. These rooms are available on a first-come-first-served basis and are not available for reservation.

Off-limit areas

Journalists should not cross from the public gallery into the well of the courtroom, which is marked by a short rail, without permission from the judge or a court employee.

Throughout the courthouse, journalists should obey posted restrictions and instructions from court security officers.

Members of the media shall not block entrances or public rights of way.



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Recording and Broadcasting

Expanded Media Coverage (EMC) requests

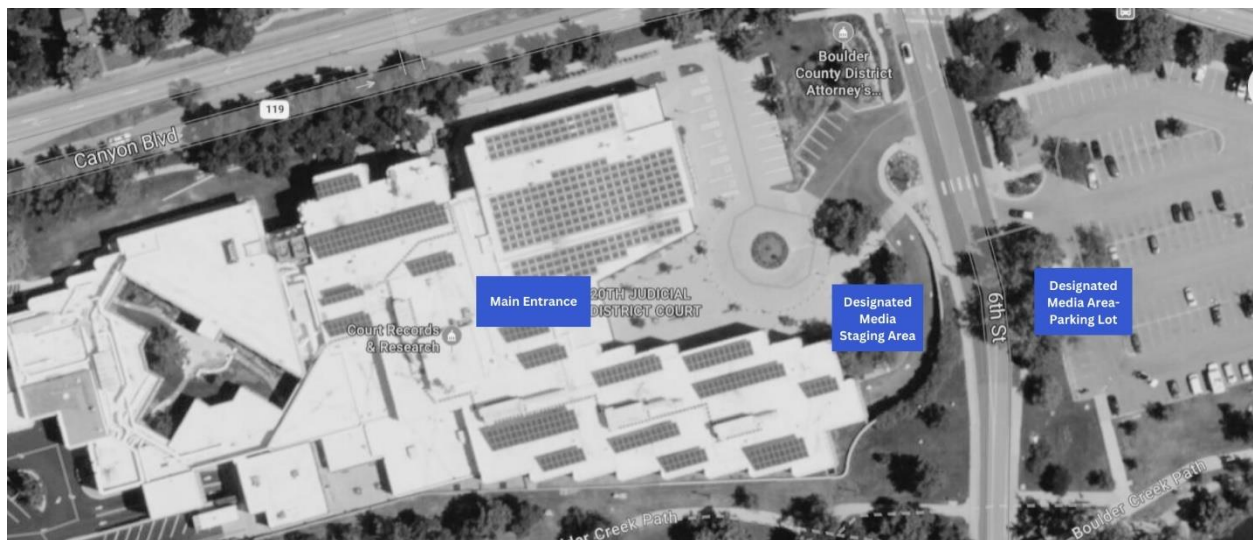
The judge has issued an EMC order for the recording for individual outlets to record and use footage of the Webex Livestream video of the trial proceedings; this order included still photography of livestream proceedings. No video, still or audio recordings shall be permitted in the courtroom or adjacent areas.

Livestream

Proceedings will be streamed on livestream. The livestream can be accessed on the coloradojudicial.gov website here: <https://live.coloradojudicial.gov>.

Onsite Broadcasting

Designated spaces outside the courthouse will be marked for media. Parking spaces in the main parking lot will be reserved for media, as well as a paved pedestrian area outside, southeast of the main entrance. There will be two dedicated press spots in the parking lot between the green arrows. See the map below for those designated spaces:





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Electronic Devices and Decorum Order

Decorum Order

The judge will issue a decorum prior to 9/3/2024, which outlines the rules in court rules of conduct and guidelines designed to govern the expectations of the people involved in the trial and those observing the trial so that the decorum of an open court will be maintained throughout the proceedings.

Electronic Device Usage

Within the Decorum Order, the judge **will not allow** the use of cellphones, laptops or other electronic devices in the courtroom.

Key Trial Point Announcements

Jury Seating, Opening Statements, Closing Statements and Verdict Announcements

The Colorado Judicial Branch will post on Twitter (@cocourts) when jury seating has concluded, when opening and closing remarks will begin, and when a verdict is reached. Follow @cocourts to receive these notifications.

Jurors

During the trial, the media is directed that no photograph or record of the jurors is allowed, including the juror entrance/exit from the courthouse.

The media shall make no attempt to contact or question prospective or empaneled jurors until the Court has discharged the juror.

To ensure prospective and empaneled jurors do not overhear media interviews, press interview locations will be restricted to the designated areas in the map above.

Media representatives may ask the court for juror information of those willing to be interviewed, and the representative is responsible for securing an interview location



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outside the courthouse. The court will not arrange juror interviews but will provide contact information for those who agree to disclose such information.