



**1st Judicial District
Jefferson Combined Court**

Media Plan and Guidance

People of the State of Colorado vs. Joseph Koenig

Trial Information

1st Judicial District
Jefferson Combined Court
100 Jefferson County Parkway
Golden, CO 80401
Courtroom 130

Case Number, Charge(s)
2023CR1034, Homicide

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Research Department (records requests)

The Records counter offers in-person services Monday through Thursday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Records counter is closed on Friday. Customers appearing outside of this timeframe must come back between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday, fill out a [records research request form](#) and drop it in the basket located at the Records window, or submit a request via mail or email.

- Email: jeffcorecordrequest@judicial.state.co.us
- Mail: 100 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden, CO 80401
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Media Access

Interviews

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

Courthouse security

Members of the public and media must pass through a metal detector and security screening by court security officers. Security may ask for media credentials of those bringing in recording equipment and cameras. All members of accredited media outlets covering the story may be required to show their credentials during screenings and should be prepared to do so.

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.

Most pretrial hearings are open to the public, but either party may file motions asking the judge to close certain proceedings. Media organizations may choose to file an opposing motion when this occurs.

Media On-site

Credentialed Media

The Colorado Judicial Department's Chief Communications Officer, Suzanne Karrer, will administer the media credentialing process. Credentials will be issued according to the Court's [credentialing policy](#) and within the Court's discretion.

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. Electronic credentials will be issued, which should be available for security and/or court staff inspection once they are inside the courthouse facilities.

Courtroom access

The court proceedings are open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

As described in the Order Granting Expanded Media for Trial, the proceedings will be available on Webex live streaming for viewing outside the courtroom.

Off-limit areas

Journalists should not cross from the public gallery into the well of the courtroom without permission from the judge or a court employee.

Journalists should obey posted restrictions and instructions from court security officers throughout the courthouse.

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

Recording and Broadcasting

Chief Judge Administrative Order 2020-19

"This Order applies to all areas of the court side of the Jefferson County Courts and Administration Building, the Gilpin County Courthouse, and all court-related facilities in which court-related business is conducted. Court Facilities include, but are not limited to, security screening areas, lobbies, elevators, judges' chambers, clerk's offices, court offices, administration offices, probation offices, and the hallways adjacent to these areas. However, this Order does not apply to the portions of the Jefferson County Courts and Administration Building, the Gilpin County Courthouse, and the Remington Building that are occupied and controlled exclusively by the county government in

Jefferson County and Gilpin County so long as the use of electronic devices in those areas does not interfere with or disrupt the business of the Courts.

COURTROOMS -All electronic devices shall be muted. They may be used inside the courtrooms subject to the following restrictions:

•If the use of an electronic device is not disruptive, and as long as the presiding judicial officer has not prohibited or restricted its use, an electronic device may be used for written communications and to access the internet. This includes activities such as taking notes, preparing work product, scheduling future proceedings, internet searching and browsing, communicating in writing by text, email, or other electronic means, and engaging in other similar functions.

• Except for security personnel and Court personnel, no person shall use an electronic or other device to take photographs, make audio or video recordings, make telephone calls, or transmit live audio or video streaming of any proceeding or person.

• Colorado Supreme Court Rules, Chapter 38, Court Rule 3, Media Coverage of Court Proceedings shall be followed for all requests for expanded media coverage inside courtrooms, including virtual proceedings.

(b) ALL OTHER AREAS OF THE COURT FACILITIES - Electronic devices may be used so long as the use is not disruptive of court-related business. However, except for authorized law enforcement officers, public defender investigators, and security personnel, no person shall use an electronic or other device to take photographs, make audio or video recordings, or transmit live audio or video streaming in any part of the Court Facilities, unless specifically permitted by a judicial officer or security personnel.

(c) MEDIA EXCEPTION IN DESIGNATED AREAS- Members of the media may use electronic or other devices to photograph, make audio or video recordings, or broadcast only in those areas clearly marked with signs for media use. Judicial officers may expand the areas designated for media coverage in matters pending before them as may be necessary.”

Per the order, audio and video recording by members of the media will be restricted to the marked area in the building’s atrium.

Spaces in the parking facilities will be reserved for media staging. Accredited members of the media can station cameras and other recording equipment in the reserved parking lot spaces.

Expanded Media Coverage (EMC)

The judge has issued an EMC order for the recording of the Webex livestream video of the trial proceedings. No video, still, or audio recordings shall be permitted in the

courtroom or adjacent areas. Only accredited members of the media may record the livestream.

Livestream

Proceedings will be streamed on livestream. The livestream can be accessed on the coloradojudicial.gov website at <https://live.coloradojudicial.gov>; select Jefferson and select Courtroom 520.

Onsite Broadcasting

Designated spaces outside the courthouse will be marked for media live broadcast vehicles.

Members of the media may conduct live broadcasts from the designated spaces in the main parking lot. Recordings should avoid filming people entering or exiting the courthouse to protect the privacy of those accessing services in the building.

Media members and outlets are prohibited from setting up structures (tents, etc.).

Electronic Devices and Decorum Order

Decorum Order

The judge has issued a decorum order, 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** allow the media to use cellphones, laptops or other electronic devices as long as the use of the device does not disrupt proceedings. The Court has not permitted constant live updates such as “blogging,” but does allow use of devices for media note-taking and office communication that is not disruptive.

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 not attempt to contact or question prospective or empaneled jurors until the Court has discharged the jury.

Press interview locations will be restricted to the designated area in the atrium or outside parking areas to ensure prospective and empaneled jurors do not overhear media interviews.