



**12th Judicial District  
Alamosa Combined Court**

**Media Plan and Guidance**

**People v. Barry Morpew**

## **Trial Information**

12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
Alamosa Combined Courts  
8955 Independence Way  
Alamosa, CO 81101

**Case Number, Charge(s)**

Alamosa County Case No. 2025CR128

## **Court Contact Information**

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# Media Access

## Court documents

All publicly accessible documents, motions, and records for this trial will be posted on the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Cases of Interest page at: <https://www.coloradojudicial.gov/cases-interest>. 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 case's 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.

## 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

Only credentialed media will be permitted to be in the courtroom's media seating/media room during proceedings.

The Colorado Judicial Branch's Chief Communications Officer, Suzanne Karrer, will administer the media credentialing process. Credentials will be issued according to the Court's credentialing process and within the Court's discretion. See [Department Procedures for Media Credentialing](#) (June 2025).

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

## **Courtroom access**

See [Order Preemptively Granting Requests for Expanded Media Coverage](#) (6/20/2025).

## **Off-limit areas**

Journalists shall not cross from the public gallery into the well of the courtroom, which is marked by a short rail, without permission from the presiding judge.

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

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

## **Recording and Broadcasting**

### **Expanded Media Coverage (EMC) requests**

See [Order Preemptively Granting Requests for Expanded Media Coverage](#) (6/20/2025).

## **Electronic Devices and Decorum Order**

### **Decorum Order**

The judge has issued a decorum order, which outlines the rules regarding conduct in the court 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.

See [Standing Order on Decorum](#) (6/20/2025).

### **Electronic Device Usage**

Within the Decorum Order, the judge will not allow the use of cellphones, laptops or other electronic devices inside the courtroom. Use of these devices is permitted in the media room pursuant to the rules outlined in [Chief Judge Administrative Order 2024-02: Order Regarding the Use of Electronic Devices in Court Facilities](#) (2/8/2024).

## **Jurors**

See [Order Preemptively Granting Requests for Expanded Media Coverage](#) (6/20/2025).

At the end of the trial, the court will ask jurors if they are interested in speaking with the press. 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 outside the courthouse. The court will not arrange juror interviews but will provide contact information for those who agree to disclose such information.

## Media Notifications

Credential members of the media may submit a request for trial notifications from the Department's Communications Staff, including text alerts on jury seating, opening and closing statements, and verdict, by completing the online form:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/JgCUAE>

The court and court staff will not send out media notifications or trial updates, and notifications are limited to only credentialed media outlets at the discretion of the Chief Communication Officer per the [procedure for credentialing media](#).