

# 11th Judicial District Fremont County Court Media Plan and Guidance The People of the State of Colorado v. Hanme Clark

# **Trial Information**

11th Judicial District 136 Justice Center Rd Canon City, CO 81212 Courtroom 301

Case Number, Charge(s) 2025CR185, Homicide

**Presiding Judge**District Judge Lauren Swan

# **Court Contact Information**

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### **Clerk of Court (records requests)**

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### **Media Access**

#### **Court documents**

All publicly accessible documents, motions, and records for this trial will be posted on the 11th Judicial District website at:

www.coloradojudicial.gov/courts/trial-courts/fremont-county, under cases of interest link, <a href="https://www.coloradojudicial.gov/cases-interest?topic=29&wrapped=true">https://www.coloradojudicial.gov/cases-interest?topic=29&wrapped=true</a>. 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, contact the 11th Judicial District Attorney's Office.

# 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; however, either party may file motions requesting that the judge close certain proceedings. Media organizations may choose to file an opposing motion when this occurs.

#### Media On-site

#### **Credentialed Media**

The Colorado Judicial Branch's Chief Communications Officer, Suzanne Karrer, will administer the media credentialing process. Credentials will be issued in accordance with the Court's credentialing procedure and at the Court's discretion. The Colorado Judicial Department (Department) issues media credentials to those entities and individuals as defined in Colorado Supreme Court Rules, Chapter 38, Rule 3, Media Coverage of Court Proceedings, detailed below.

The Department and judicial officers may reserve the right to restrict the number of media credentials issued if space is limited at a trial, hearing, or event.

All requests for credentials must be made to <a href="mailto:suzanne.karrer@judicial.state.co.us">suzanne.karrer@judicial.state.co.us</a> a minimum of three days before the requested hearing date. The person requesting a media credential must be prepared to present credentials identifying the person as a member of a recognized media organization.

Media outlets need to identify in advance ALL members of their organization who will be covering the trial. Credentials to individual members of media organizations will NOT be issued on the day of the hearing, regardless of whether other members of the same media organization have been approved.

#### **Accredited Media Outlets Definitions**

# Rule 3. Media Coverage of Court Proceedings

(a) Expanded Media Coverage: A judge may authorize expanded media coverage of court proceedings, subject to the guidelines set forth below.

- (1) Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - (A) "Proceeding" means any trial, hearing, or any other matter held in open court which the public is entitled to attend.
  - (B) "Photograph" and "photography" means all recording or broadcasting of visual images, by means of still photographs, videotape, television broadcasts, motion pictures, or otherwise.
  - (C) "Expanded media coverage" means any photography or audio recording of proceedings.
  - (D) "Judge" means the justice, judge, magistrate, or other judicial officer presiding over the proceedings. In proceedings with more than one judge presiding, any decision required shall be made by a majority of the judges.
  - (E) "Media" means any news gathering or reporting agency and the individual persons involved, and includes newspapers, radio, television, radio and television networks, news services, magazines, trade papers, in-house publications, professional journals, or any other news reporting or news gathering agency whose function it is to inform the public or some segment thereof.

#### Courtroom access

The court proceedings are open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. One bench inside the courtroom will be reserved for credentialed media on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### **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.

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.

# **Recording and Broadcasting**

Proceedings will be streamed on livestream. The livestream can be accessed on the coloradojudicial.gov website at https://live.coloradojudicial.gov; select Fremont and select Courtroom 320.

No recording devices of any kind will be permitted in the courtroom, and no live photography is permitted in the courtroom.

#### Livestream

Proceedings will be streamed on Livestream. The livestream can be accessed on the coloradojudicial.gov website at <a href="https://live.coloradojudicial.gov">https://live.coloradojudicial.gov</a>. Members of the media will not be permitted into the hearings Webex and will need to view only virtual proceedings using the livestream link (<a href="https://live.coloradojudicial.gov/">https://live.coloradojudicial.gov/</a>).

Recording of the livestream is prohibited in accordance with Chief Justice Directive 23-02 Livestreaming Criminal Trial Court Proceedings:

"Other than the formal record of the proceeding, there shall be no audio or video recording, screenshots, or photos of any live streamed court proceeding without express authorization of the court. Unless a court expressly grants permission, there shall be no unauthorized publishing of any court proceeding. Those who violate this Directive may be subject to contempt proceedings."

NOTE: Please be cognizant of the difference between the livestream links, which are view-only, and the Webex links for attendees. Requests to enter the Webex hearing become distractions for judges and court staff during proceedings.

# **Onsite Broadcasting and Parking**

Designated parking spaces outside the courthouse will be marked for media. Due to construction, parking spaces located south of the Fremont County Human Services Department in the dirt parking lot will be reserved for media. Additionally, a designated staging area will be available on the north side of the courthouse building. Members of the media may conduct live broadcasts from the designated space. Recordings shall 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 (e.g., tents).

See the map below for those designated spaces:



#### **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.

No member of the public or media shall attempt to conduct any interview at the Fremont County Justice Center of any party, including the Defendant, a designated witness, a juror, or an attorney engaged in this case. Any other interviews shall be conducted within the designated media staging area outside of the courthouse building.

No photography, or audio, or video recording of any kind is permitted within the courtroom or in the Justice Center.

NO LIVE REPORTING OF ANY KIND is permitted from the courtroom or in the Justice Center.

See attached Decorum Order.

# **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 Department will notify subscribed members of the media via text and email on all key trial events, including the conclusion of voir dire, opening statements, closing statements, and verdict(s).

To receive these alerts, credential press representatives can sign up for trial alerts at https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/ICO3YOC/ClarkTrial.

### **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 that prospective and empaneled jurors do not overhear media interviews, press interview locations will be restricted to the designated areas shown on the map above.

At the end of the trial, the court will ask jurors if they are willing to speak 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.

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Div.: 2

#### STANDING ORDER ON DECORUM

Upon consideration of the public and media interest in these proceedings, the Court, in the exercise of my inherent power to provide for the orderly disposition of this case, hereby enters the following Order pertaining to conduct:

Of significant importance is my intent to preserve the process by which a fair trial may be had. Any attempts to disrupt that process may result in exclusion from the proceedings going forward and/or other legal sanctions including Contempt of Court.

To that end, all persons must recognize that the Fremont County Justice Center and the individual courtrooms and facilities are not large and, therefore, reasonable accommodation and coordination is necessary. At all times, access to and movement within the Fremont County Justice Center must remain available to conduct the normal business of the Courts. The media, members of the public, parties, and their legal representatives and agents shall at all times be subject to this Order.

#### L COURTHOUSE GROUNDS AND FACILITIES

- A. The Fremont County Justice Center (Justice Center) is a four-story structure that houses the courts, the probation department, the District Attorney and the regional dispatch center. There is a small lobby area in the District Attorney's office and a small lobby area in the Clerk of Court's office. The hallways outside the courtroom areas are not lobby areas but are large enough for parties to pass easily. There is one entrance available for public and that entrance is staffed by deputies from the Fremont County Sheriff.
- B. Access to and movement within the Justice Center must remain available for the conduct of normal business at all times. There shall be clear passage and entry for all persons conducting business at the Justice Center.
- C. No member of the public or media shall attempt to conduct any interview at the Fremont County Justice Center of any party including the Defendant, a designated witness, a juror, or an attorney engaged in this case. Any other interviews shall be conducted within the designated media staging area outside of the courthouse building.
- D. At all times there shall be clear passage and entry into the Fremont County Justice

  Center for all persons wishing to conduct business with the Court.
- E. Persons known or identified to be summoned or selected jurors shall not be approached, contacted, questioned, interviewed, or harassed whether on or off the premises of the Fremont County Justice Center about any matter including but not limited to their prospective service, qualifications, opinions, or any other matter

- concerning this case until such time as the summoned or selected juror has been discharged from jury service.
- F. All persons entering the courthouse and, subsequently, the courtroom may be subject to screening including by magnetometer or wand. Fremont County Sheriff staff or other security personnel have the discretion to refuse to permit an individual entry based on the results of those screenings.
- G. This ORDER applies to the entire Fremont County Justice Center and county property surrounding the Justice Center. The Justice Center property is defined as the building and public parking area.

#### II. PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING

- A. No photography, or audio, or video recording of any kind is permitted within the courtroom or in the Justice Center.
- B. NO LIVE REPORTING OF ANY KIND is permitted from the courtroom or in the Justice Center.
- C. There shall be no cell phones, laptops, tablets, smart watches or ipads in the courtroom, except that attorneys for the people and the defense, including their staff members may use electronic devices to the extent necessary for the prosecution or defense of the case.
- D. Any person who operates or attempts to operate any electronic device within the courtroom used in this case in violation of this Order shall be removed from the premises and/or shall be subject to contempt proceedings. If a law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that any electronic device was used or is being

- used in violation of this Order, he or she may immediately confiscate such device.

  Law enforcement officers shall have the discretion to temporarily secure any device confiscated for purposes of conducting an investigation of a violation of this Order.
- E. The foregoing provisions regarding electronic devices shall not apply to employees of the Court or the Fremont County Sheriff's Office, or to other law enforcement personnel in the Justice Centre for law enforcement purposes.
- F. There will be strict adherence to Chief Judge Directive 2018-02 (as amended June 2024) concerning a prohibition on recording in the courthouse, and Chief Judge Order 20-11 (August 2020) concerning conduct inside court facilities.
- G. All (parties, law enforcement, etc.) shall strictly conform any public comment to the *Gag Order* issued by this Court on February 26, 2024.
- H. Pursuant to C.R.S. 13-1-132(3.5)(a), the Court will livestream all proceedings that fall under the Rule. There shall be no other livestreaming of the proceedings. Except if specifically authorized by the Court in subsequent orders, there shall be no audio or video recoding of any of the proceedings, including recording of the livestream.

#### III. ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO THE COURTROOM

A. The public and the media will be admitted to the gallery of the courtroom if seating is available. There will be one row of the courtroom reserved for credentialed media personnel. The Court may reserve seating for the parties and witnesses. Requests for specific seating for the victims and their family members and the defendant's family members shall be made to the Public Information Officer for the Colorado

- State Court Administrator's Office. Media seating, based on availability, will be organized by the Court's Public Information Officer.
- B. All members of the public and media shall be seated before the court session begins and shall remain in the courtroom until a recess is called. No admittance will be permitted while the Court is in session. Public or media leaving the courtroom during the Court session will not be permitted to re-enter the courtroom until the next recess is called.
- C. All members of the public and media must remain quiet, not comment on the proceedings, and not engage in any disruptive behavior while in the courtroom.
  Signs or symbols on clothing or otherwise indicating support for a particular party are considered prohibited comment and will not be permitted.
- D. No member of the public or media will be permitted in any area of the courtroom other than the areas designated for public and media seating.
- E. The only individuals who may access my Webex Conference Room for these proceedings are: prosecutors (incl. staff), prosecution or law enforcement victim advocates, any statutory victim, defense counsel (incl. staff), the defendant, and court staff (as authorized by me). These individuals are encouraged to use the Webex app and register themselves as a user with their full name. There shall be no recording of any kind made of the proceedings via Webex Conferencing.
- F. Any violation of the foregoing provisions, and any other conduct the Court finds disruptive to the proceedings may result in an order of temporary or permanent exclusion from the proceedings and/or contempt proceedings.

A copy of this Order shall be posted at the front entrance of the Fremont County Justice

Center and at the door of any courtroom used for the purposes of the proceedings in this

case.

DONE AND SIGNED THIS 16th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025,

By the Court:

Lauren T. Swan, District Court Judge

11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District