

DISTRICT COURT COSTILLA COUNTY, COLOARDO 304 Main Street; San Luis, CO 81152 <hr/> THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO v. CRUZ SOTO	<p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">DATE FILED April 7, 2026 4:36 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Δ COURT USE ONLY Δ</p>
	Case Number: 2026M504 Division: WW
ORDER LIMITING PRE-TRIAL PUBLICITY	

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

I. Extrajudicial Statements by Attorneys:

1. A lawyer shall not make an extra judicial statement that a reasonable person would expect to be disseminated by means of public communication if the lawyer knows or reasonably should know that it will have a likelihood of prejudicing a criminal proceeding.

2. Any lawyer, law firm, or legal representative (investigators of any firm) associated with the prosecution or defense of this criminal matter shall not make or participate in making an extrajudicial statement that a reasonable person would expect to be disseminated by means of public communication and that relates to the following because it is ordinarily likely to prejudice a criminal proceeding:

- The character, reputation, or prior criminal record (including arrests, indictments, or other charges of crime) of the accused;

- The possibility of a plea of guilty to the offense charged or to a lesser offense;
- The existence or contents of any confession, admission, or statement given by the accused or the refusal or failure to make a statement;
- The performance or results of any examinations or tests or the refusal or failure of the accused to submit to examinations or tests;
- The identity, testimony, or credibility of a prospective witness;
- Any opinion as to guilt or innocence of the accused, the evidence, or the merits of the case;
- Information that the lawyer knows or has reason to know would be inadmissible at a trial.

3. Section (B) above does not preclude a lawyer during such period from announcing:

- The name, age, residence, occupation, and family status of the accused;
- Information necessary to aid in the apprehension of the accused or to warn the public of any dangers the accused may present;
- A request for assistance in obtaining evidence;
- The identity of the victim of the crime (if permitted by law);
- The fact, time, and place of arrest, resistance, pursuit, and use of weapons;
- The identity of investigating and arresting officers or agencies and length of investigation;

- At the time of seizure, a description of the physical evidence seized other than a confession, admission, or statement;
- The nature, substance, or text of the charge;
- Quotations from and references to public records of the Court in the case;
- The scheduling or result of any step in the judicial proceedings;
- That the accused denies the charges made against him or her and the general nature of the defense to the charges or to other public accusations against the accused, including that the accused has no prior criminal record.

4. During the selection of a jury or trial of this criminal matter, any lawyer or law firm associated with the prosecution or defense of this criminal matter shall not make or participate in making an extrajudicial statement that a reasonable person would expect to be disseminated by means of public communication and that relates to the trial, parties, or issues in the trial, or other matters that are reasonably likely to interfere with a fair trial, except that he or she may quote from or refer without comment to public records of the Court in the case.

5. Any lawyer or law firm associated with the prosecution or defense of this criminal matter shall exercise reasonable care to prevent his employees and associates from making an extrajudicial statement that he would be prohibited from making under this Order.

II. Release of Information by Law Enforcement Agencies:

The provisions set forth above in Section I are applicable to the release of information to the public by law enforcement officers and agencies. From the date of this Order until the completion of the trial or disposition without trial, law enforcement

officers, law enforcement personnel, and those working at the direction of law enforcement agencies shall not release or authorize the release of any extrajudicial statement.

III. Disclosure by Court Personnel:

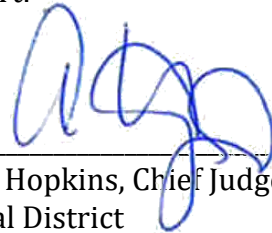
Court personnel shall not disclose, to any unauthorized person, information relating to this pending criminal case that is not part of public records of the Court and that may be prejudicial to the right of the People or the Accused to a fair trial.

IV. Applicability:

This Order applies to all agencies served with a copy of this Order and all subordinates in or to those agencies. If counsel wishes this Order to apply to any agency not listed, the Court shall be notified by written Motion forthwith of said agency with proper notice to the opposing party.

DONE AND SIGNED THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL, 2026.

By the Court:



Amanda C. Hopkins, Chief Judge
12th Judicial District