



13th Judicial District Yuma County Combined Courts

MEDIA PLAN AND GUIDANCE

**The People of the State of Colorado v. Clifton Boggess Jr.
Yuma County District Court Case: 2024CR36
May – June 2026**

Trial Information

13th Judicial District
Yuma County Combined Court
310 Ash Street, Suite L (Located on the 2nd Floor)
Wray, CO 80758
Courtroom C
(970) 592-6120

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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 conclusion of the cases may do so, but this will need to be coordinated with the individual juror and not through the courts

For interviews with the victim's family, please contact the 13th Judicial District, District Attorney's Office:

Jill Olsen, Victim Advocate
13th Judicial District, District Attorney's Office
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Courthouse security

Members of the public and media must pass through a metal detector and other security screenings 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 attorneys in chambers.

Media On-Site

Credentialed Media

Press should be prepared to show credentials from a recognized media outlet. Credentials will be issued according to the Court's credentialing process and within the



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Court's discretion. The Colorado Judicial Department'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 at least three days before the requesting hearing date. 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. Anyone requesting media credentials 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. The courtroom has very limited seating. A section will be reserved for the victim's family on a first-come, first-served basis. The row immediately behind the Defense is reserved for the defense team. The Court will reserve two seats for Credentialed Media on a first-come, first-served basis. Individual media outlets are limited to one representative in the courtroom.

These proceedings may be viewed outside the courtroom on the coloradojudicial.gov website at: <https://live.coloradojudicial.gov>.

There will not be a dedicated media room, but reporters may use unoccupied small conference rooms located on the 2nd floor, which are available on a first-come, first-served basis. These rooms are not available for reservation and must be vacated at the end of each day or if needed by the parties.

Off-limit access

Media shall 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 court staff. Throughout the courthouse, media shall obey posted restrictions and instructions from court security officers.

Media shall not block entrances or public right-of-way.



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Recording and Broadcasting

Expanded Media Coverage (EMC) requests

The judge has issued an EMC order that allows only Credentialed Media to rebroadcast the livestream or record the livestream and rebroadcast the recording. All other members of the public are strictly prohibited from recording, rebroadcasting, or streaming any livestreamed court proceeding.

The EMC order also prohibits cell phones, photography, audio recording, or video recording in the courtroom.

Livestream

Proceedings will be livestreamed. The livestream can be accessed at <https://live.coloradojudicial.gov>.

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

A designated staging area will be available in the west parking lot located across the street from the Yuma County Combined Courts 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:



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Electronic Devices and Decorum Order

Decorum Order

The judge has issued a decorum order outlining the rules of in-court conduct. These guidelines set forth the judge's expectations of both the parties involved in the trial and those observing the trial so that the dignity of an open court will be maintained throughout the proceedings.



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Electronic Device Usage

The judge will not allow cellphones in the courtroom except as outlined in the Decorum Order. Laptops and other electronic devices in the courtroom are prohibited except by Credentialed Media. Credentialed Media may bring a laptop into the courtroom for notetaking. Laptop keyboards or peripherals must not be an auditory distraction for the Court or the parties.

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/h0WZcOD/BoggessTrial>

Jurors

During the trial, no photographs or recordings of jurors are allowed. This includes 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.

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. No media interviews will be conducted in the courtroom at any time.



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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. Media representatives are 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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<p>THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO</p> <p>v.</p> <p>CLIFTON BOGGESS, JR Defendant</p>	
	Case No.: 2024 CR 36 Division: C Courtroom: A
ORDER RE: EXPANDED MEDIA COVERAGE	

The Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution, incorporated through the Fourteenth Amendment and mirrored in the Colorado Constitution, guarantees the right to a public trial. The First Amendment provides the press and public with qualified rights to attend criminal proceedings. *People v. Jones*, 464 P.3d 735, 740 (Colo. 2020). Colorado rules and appellate case law recognize the importance of public access to judicial proceedings and this Court agrees expanded media coverage is appropriate, subject to the limitations below. These limitations are necessary to protect the rights of the parties and the integrity of the judicial process.

The jury trial is scheduled to commence May 11, 2026, and is anticipated to last three weeks. The Court will livestream the jury trial. The Court will not livestream jury selection. The court’s livestream can be access on the coloradojudicial.gov website here: <https://live.coloradojudicial.gov>.


Only Credentialed Media may rebroadcast the livestream or record the livestream and rebroadcast the recording. 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.

All other members of the public are strictly prohibited from recording, rebroadcasting or streaming any livestreamed court proceeding.

The courtroom has a maximum gallery capacity of 55. There will be seating reserved for family members and there will be limited seating reserved for media. The first row behind the Defense table shall be reserved for the defense team. Members of the public wishing to attend the hearing in person may do so, with seating on a first-come first-served basis.

No cell phones or other recording devices of any kind will be permitted in the courtroom, except as outlined in the Decorum Order. No photography is permitted in the courtroom. Credentialed Media may bring a laptop into the courtroom, but they are prohibited from recording or taking pictures. Laptop keyboards or peripherals must not be an auditory distraction for the Court or the parties.

Issue Date: April 1, 2026



DINA M. CHRISTIANSEN
District Court Judge

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DECORUM ORDER	

The following *Decorum Order* outlines the rules of in-court conduct. These rules are designed to govern the Court’s expectations of those involved in the trial and those observing the trial to ensure the decorum of the court will be of the highest standard throughout the proceedings.

Permitted Coverage:

All media coverage shall be conducted in a manner that is neither obtrusive nor a distraction for those involved in the courtroom proceedings.

Credentialed Media may rebroadcast the livestream or record the livestream and rebroadcast the recording. Non-credentialed media and all other members of the public are strictly prohibited from recording, rebroadcasting or streaming any livestreamed court proceeding.

Limitations on Coverage:

All electronic devices, including but not limited to computers, cameras, cell phones, video phones, tape recorders or other recording or transmitting devices, shall be barred from the courtroom being utilized for this trial except as set forth here and below or as permitted by an expanded media coverage order. Any person who attempts to or does operate any recording or transmitting device within the courtroom shall be removed from the premises and the device shall be confiscated.

Employees of the Court or the Yuma County Sheriff’s Office or other law enforcement personnel in the Yuma County Courthouse for law enforcement purposes, as well as attorneys, may use electronic devices, such as a computer or cell phone, to the extent

necessary to try a case or perform their job duties but no such individuals shall live stream, record or transmit any portion of the proceedings from the Yuma County Courthouse.

No photographing, filming or audio recording of prospective or empaneled jurors will be permitted. This includes filming or recording prospective or empaneled jurors at the entrance/exit from the courthouse.

Jurors shall not be depicted in any manner that allows for the identification of a prospective or empaneled juror.

Bench Conferences and Sidebars:

The Court prohibits recording or rebroadcasting of bench conferences, sidebar discussions, or confidential or privileged communications. This includes Credentialed Media.

Exhibits:

Exhibits will be displayed in the courtroom. Those who watch the trial on livestream will not be able to see the exhibits. The Court prohibits any photographs or recording of any exhibit. Exhibits may contain sensitive, confidential, or protected information and shall not be recorded unless expressly authorized.

Equipment and Personnel:

All media equipment shall be silent, stationary, and operated by Credentialed Media personnel. Media equipment for Credentialed Media includes a laptop for notetaking. Laptop keyboards or peripherals must not be an auditory distraction for the Court or the parties. The Court prohibits recording or photography in the courtroom.

No media interviews shall be conducted in the courtroom at any time.

Courtroom Access:

Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the Defendant shall be seated no later than 8:15 a.m. each morning. Members of the public will not be admitted until after the Defendant has been seated. The Court will not tolerate unnecessary delays and anticipates admitting the public by 8:30 a.m. The proceedings will commence promptly at 9:00 a.m. The Court will not engage in any trial matters until the public is seated.

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 any party is considered prohibited comment.

All members of the public and media must be seated before the court is in session and must remain seated in the courtroom (except for emergencies) until the next recess is called. No admittance or departure while court is in session will be permitted absent an emergency. The victim advocate for the District Attorney and/or the representative of the Public Defender's office may enter and leave the courtroom for the purposes of retrieving witnesses.

Revocation or Modification:

The Court retains the authority to modify, limit or terminate expanded media coverage upon a finding that such coverage interferes with the administration of court proceedings or the rights of parties.


Any violation of this Order may result in immediate suspension of expanded coverage and the initiation of contempt proceedings.

Jury Instructions:

The Court will instruct the prospective and empaneled jurors they are not to view any media coverage of the trial and the presence of media cannot influence juror deliberations in any way.

Jury selection will not be livestreamed.

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