

DISTRICT COURT EAGLE COUNTY, COLORADO 885 E. Chambers Road P.O. Box 597 Eagle, Colorado 81631	FILED IN THE COMBINED CLERKS OFFICE JUL 23 2004 EAGLE COUNTY, COLORADO BY <u>MS</u> ◊ COURT USE ONLY ◊
Plaintiff: PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO. Defendant: KOBE BEAN BRYANT.	
	Case Number: 03 CR 204 Div.: R
FOURTH AMENDED DECORUM ORDER	

Upon consideration of the intense public and media interest in the proceedings in this matter, the Court, in the exercise of its inherent power to provide for the orderly disposition of this case, hereby enters the following orders pertaining to the conduct of proceedings in this matter. All persons are advised that the privacy of the alleged victim is of significant importance to this Court. Consistent with Colorado law, the media and all other persons are encouraged not to broadcast, publish or otherwise disseminate the image or name of such person. Also of significant importance is the Court's intent to preserve the processes by which a fair trial may be conducted. Any inappropriate attempts to disrupt that process may result in exclusion from further proceedings and/or other legal sanctions. To that end, all persons must recognize that the *Eagle County Justice Center and the individual courtrooms are not large facilities and therefore, reasonable accommodation and coordination is necessitated.* At all times, access to and movement within the Eagle County Justice Center must remain available for the conduct of the normal business of the Court. Specific requests for expanded media coverage are required for each hearing or proceeding for which such coverage is being requested and shall be addressed by separate order. The media, members of the public having gained access to the Eagle County Justice Center, parties and their legal representatives, and agents thereof shall at all times be subject to this Decorum Order to the extent that it is not inconsistent with any other specific court order. This Order shall apply to all proceedings and other scheduled matters in this case until further order of this Court. "Proceeding" means any trial, hearing, or any other matter held in open court that the public is entitled to attend.

1. The following restrictions shall apply to the public areas within the Eagle County Justice Center which is comprised as follows: the areas comprised of the courtrooms, clerks'

offices, judges' chambers and hallways adjacent thereto (Courthouse); all surrounding lawns (Public Grounds); a parking lot to the front and west of the Courthouse (Main Lot); a rear parking lot to the north and east of the Courthouse (Rear Parking Lot); the building which is located to the rear and east of the Courthouse (Annex); a third parking lot to the south of the Annex (Annex Parking Lot); and a parking lot to the north of the Annex (Overflow Parking Lot).

A. 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 Courthouse 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 Courthouse shall be removed from the premises and the device shall be confiscated. This provision shall not apply to employees of the Court or the Eagle County Sheriff's Office, or to other law enforcement personnel in the Eagle County Justice Center for law enforcement purposes.

B. No interviews shall be conducted within the Courthouse. This provision does not restrict any member of the public or press from making inquiries of court personnel regarding the scheduling of proceedings, the filing of papers with the Court, or requesting any other information in the public record concerning this case.

C. There shall be no photography, transmitting or recording of any kind within the Courthouse, except as set forth here and below or as permitted by an expanded media coverage order. This restriction includes photographs, transmissions or recordings of persons inside the Courthouse even if taken or obtained from outside the Courthouse. Nothing in this Order prohibits the press from taking photographs or videotaping into the courthouse through the glass doors on the west side entryway, but no photography or videotaping that is intended to capture inside images shall be permitted through any other window or door of the courthouse.

D. The media and members of the public may photograph or videograph persons as they come and go from the Courthouse, except that persons known or identified to be summoned or selected jurors may not be photographed or videographed. Selected jurors will be given a juror badge and any such person displaying the badge shall not be photographed or videographed. Any summoned juror who displays a jury summons upon entrance to the Courthouse shall not be photographed or videographed. If they are photographed or videographed before determined to be a summoned or selected juror, their image shall not be displayed, distributed, or identified as a juror. The foregoing provisions pertaining to summoned and selected jurors shall also apply to the hallway cameras permitted in Paragraph 1(H) below. However, photographers and videographers must stay in certain bounded areas on the southwest side of the Eagle County Justice Center to be designated for their use by the Court. Photographers and videographers may not harass or chase any persons entering or leaving the Courthouse and may not impede the flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic outside the Courthouse.

E. At all times there shall be clear passage and entry into the Courthouse for all persons who conduct business with the court. There shall be no obstructions to clear passage through the public hallway in the Courthouse. At all times there shall be clear passage and entry for Sheriff's and other emergency vehicles through the parking lots, entrances and roadways leading to and from the Eagle County Justice Center and Annex.

F. No member of the public or media shall conduct or attempt to conduct any interview of any party (including Defendant), designated witness or attorney engaged in the case at the Eagle County Justice Center. 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 Eagle County Justice Center, about the 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.

G. No structures or other facilities, whether placed for a single proceeding or intended to remain in place until the conclusion of this matter, shall be erected and no tents, chairs, tables and similar items shall be placed on the Public Grounds of the Eagle County Justice Center except as approved and permitted by the Court, Eagle County Sheriff's Office and Eagle County Administrator. Any such permitted structures or facilities which are intended for use as listening or viewing structures or facilities must meet the requirements imposed by the Court as to the transmission of any video or audio feed. Any conduct not otherwise approved and which may damage or destroy the existing lawn and landscaping is prohibited.

H. Notwithstanding the above provisions and subject to Paragraph 1(D), one still camera and one video camera with audio transmission disabled will be permitted in the Courthouse public hallway and one still camera and one video camera will be permitted at the exterior front entryway as coordinated with the State Court Administrator's Office. The cameras shall be placed in locations acceptable to the judge and shall be positioned and operated so as to minimize any distraction in the public hallway and at the entranceway. The Court reserves the right to vacate this provision if final arrangements are not acceptable to the Court. A media representative shall be designated for each camera at least 24 hours prior to any proceeding. The designated media representative shall inform the Court of his or her identity, affiliation and contact information. No cameras will be permitted if more than one designation is received by the Court. The designated media representative is responsible for arranging an open and impartial distribution scheme for all participants of the media pool.

I. No media or members of the public shall occupy or otherwise utilize the south lawn of the Eagle County Justice Center which faces Chambers Road or the sidewalk and lawn to the south of the main entrance of the Eagle County Justice Center and east of the circular driveway in the Main Lot, and which are adjacent to the offices for judges and court employees, except as otherwise permitted in section J below, or unless directed to do so by Court personnel or Eagle County Sheriff's personnel in order to gain access to the Eagle County Justice Center or for any other purpose.

J. Demonstration Area. Any demonstrations and any distribution to individuals of literature, pamphlets, books or other written materials shall be restricted to the Demonstration Area which shall be located within the designated bounded area of the south lawn.

K. Notwithstanding the above provisions, all persons on the premises of the Eagle County Justice Center shall at all times comply with any specific direction given by Court personnel and Eagle County Sheriff's personnel.

2. The following restrictions shall apply to all courtrooms. For purposes of this section 2, "courtroom" shall include any spillover courtroom or other auxiliary listening facility, whether operated by the Court or the Media.

A. No electronic devices, including but not limited to computers, cameras, cell phones, video phones or other recording or transmitting devices, shall be permitted in the courtroom except pursuant to an expanded media coverage order. Cameras permitted pursuant to an expanded media coverage order shall be turned on and operating only while court is in session.

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

C. Except for the front row on each side, which will be reserved for the parties in accordance with a predetermined seating plan, the seating on the left side of the courtroom will be reserved for the media in accordance with a predetermined seating plan and the seating on the right side of the courtroom will be reserved for the public in accordance with a predetermined seating plan. The public will be admitted to the media portion of the courtroom only if seating remains available after all media have been seated. The media will be admitted to the public portion of the courtroom only if seating remains available after all members of the public have been seated. The Court reserves the right to reserve additional seating for the parties and witnesses. Requests for specific seating for family members of the parties shall be made to the District Administrator. Separate procedures may be established for jury selection days.

D. 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 routine admittance or departure while court is in session will be permitted.

E. 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.

F. No members of the public and media will be permitted in any area of the courtroom other than the areas designated for public and media seating.

G. All persons who enter the courtroom will be subject to screening by a magnetometer or wand. The Eagle County Sheriff, or his designee, shall have discretion as to whether a person may be admitted to the courtroom depending on the results of the screening.

3. The following restrictions shall apply to parking areas. These restrictions shall be in effect at all times (24 hours per day/7 days per week).

A. Parking in the Rear Parking Lot is authorized parking only and violators will be towed at the owner's expense. Parking in this area is restricted to employees of the Fifth Judicial District, the Eagle County Sheriff's Office, handicapped parking, selected jurors and those persons seeking to obtain a vehicle inspection. No media or members of the public (except for handicapped parking and vehicle inspections) shall occupy or otherwise utilize the Rear Parking Lot for the purpose of obtaining videographs or photographs or for any other purpose. *The members of the media and the public shall not block the path of Court employees as they access the Courthouse.*

B. Parking in the Main Lot is restricted to parties, their family members, lawyers, witnesses, summoned and actual jurors, the members of the public and other persons who have business with the court.

C. Parking in the Annex Lot shall be restricted to employees of the Fifth Judicial District and the Office of the District Attorney and persons having business within the Annex.

D. Parking in the Overflow Parking Lot shall be restricted to members of the public, summoned and selected jurors, employees of the District Attorney's office, employees of the Probation offices, handicapped parking and others having business with the courts, Sheriff's Office, District Attorney or Probation offices. No transmission trucks, generators, or large media vehicles may park in the Overflow Parking Lot. *The media may park only passenger vehicles in the Overflow Parking Lot.*

E. Overnight parking is prohibited in any of the parking lots of the Eagle County Justice Center or Annex.

F. Media parking shall be off-site with the exception of vehicles permitted pursuant to an expanded media coverage order or as permitted in Paragraph 3(D). Parking of expanded media coverage vehicles shall be coordinated with the Eagle County Sheriff's Office. Off-site media parking shall be coordinated in accordance with agreements approved by the Eagle County Administrator.

4. Any violation of the foregoing, and any other conduct which the Court finds disruptive of the proceedings, may result in an order of temporary or permanent exclusion from the proceedings and/or other legal sanctions.

5. Additional provisions pertaining to photography or videography of the alleged victim, Defendant, their counsel, families, witnesses and jurors may be addressed by the District Court as it becomes necessary.

6. A copy of this Order shall be posted at all entrances to the Eagle County Justice Center and each courtroom in which proceedings take place.

Done this 23rd day of July, 2004.

BY THE COURT


W. Terry Ruckriegle
Chief District Court Judge

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I have, on this 23rd day of July, 2004, mailed and/or faxed a true and correct copy of the foregoing ORDER by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

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