

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
OF CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

CRIMINAL DIVISION

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
VS
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CENTRE COUNTY PAORDER

And now this 6th day of February, 2012, upon consultation with the District Court Administrator, Centre County Sheriff, local law enforcement, the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters ("PAB"), the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association ("PNA"), and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, the following Order is entered.

The terms of this order apply to the conduct of proceedings scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on February 10, 2012 in Courtroom 1 at the Centre County Courthouse, Bellefonte, PA.

The provisions noted as "Mandatory" shall be applied by the Court and enforced accordingly by its officers and agents. The provisions noted as "Informational" are intended to provide meaningful structure and guidance to those reporters and members of the general public who will be attending the proceedings.

Additional information will be made available on the Court's website: (www.co.centre.pa.us/media<<http://www.co.centre.pa.us/media>>).

MANDATORY

1. There are approximately 200 seats in Courtroom 1.
 - a. All members of the public and credentialed reporters must enter the Courthouse from the front steps. Access from other Courthouse entrances will not be permitted.
 - b. Approximately 100 seats in the Courtroom will be reserved for members of the public in accordance with such procedures as will be announced on the Court website.
 - c. No member of the public will be permitted to possess in Courtroom 1 cell phones, laptop computers, smart phones, or similar electronic devices. Persons possessing such devices will not be permitted to pass security.
 - d. Approximately 100 seats in the Courtroom will be reserved for representatives of the news media and assigned in accordance with such procedures as will be announced on the Court website.

- i. Eight of the approximately 100 seats reserved for the press will be specially reserved as follows: two seats will be reserved for the Associated Press; one seat each will be reserved for the Daily Collegian, the Centre Daily Times, the Harrisburg Patriot-News, WJAC-TV, WTAJ-TV and WQWK radio. Additional seats will be reserved for sketch artists if necessary.
 - ii. Only credentialed reporters, as determined by the Sheriff, are permitted to possess or use in the courtroom any cell phone, smart phone, computer or similar device to record and/or transmit information regarding the proceeding.
 - iii. Credentialed reporters are permitted to possess and use such devices, including their use to send text messages and "tweets" from laptop computers and handheld devices. Such devices, however, may not be used to take or transmit photographs in the Courtroom, or to record or transmit any verbatim account of the proceeding.
 - iv. Any reporter who violates the provisions of this order regarding the use of electronic devices will be subject to the penalties for contempt of court (including fines or summary incarceration) under any applicable statute, order, or rule of court. In addition, any reporter who violates this order, and the news organization the reporter represents, will summarily lose the seat assigned to that news organization for the balance of the proceeding, and, in the discretion of the court, may also lose the privilege of being credentialed at any subsequent proceeding and the trial in the case.
2. Those seated in the courtroom are expected to remain in their seats until the court either calls a recess or the session has ended.
3. No news media interviews whatsoever shall be conducted in Courtroom 1 or anywhere in the Courthouse (including corridors, hallways, elevators, interior or exterior steps, or the Courthouse parking lot).
4. The Sheriff of Centre County, in consultation with the Court, shall have authority to make such reasonable rules and regulations as may be required to provide adequate security intended to assure the safety of all those in the Courthouse, and on the Courthouse grounds, and the orderly conduct of the proceedings. These regulations may include, among others:
 - a. No reporter or spectator will be permitted to take backpacks, large purses or satchels of any kind into the Courtroom, except as authorized by the Sheriff.

b. No reporter or spectator will be permitted to take food or beverages into the Courthouse.

c. No person except those immediately involved in the proceedings will be permitted beyond the bar of Courtroom 1 at any time.

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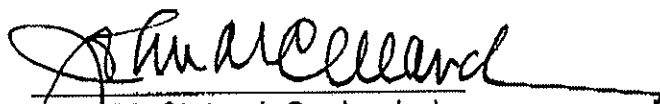
5. No satellite courtroom or press room will be available for these proceedings.
6. Reporters and members of the public are reminded that Pennsylvania law and Bellefonte Borough ordinances prohibit parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant; or parking in a manner that prevents an emergency vehicle from travelling on borough streets (the largest general use spaces are 12 feet). Damage caused to borough or county property will be reported immediately to a law enforcement officer and a police report will be filed.
7. Parking adjacent to the courthouse will be available for satellite trucks in accordance with a plan developed in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters. No municipal streets will be closed to accommodate satellite trucks. A map of parking areas in Bellefonte is posted on the Centre County website
8. Only very limited parking is available near the Courthouse. Reporters and members of the public who will be attending the proceedings should allow ample time to find parking and make their way to the Courthouse.
9. Inclement weather will not cause the proceedings to be postponed.
10. All media inquiries should be directed to Jim Koval:

Jim.koval@pacourts.us.

Cell phone: 717.319.8341

Office phone: 717.231.3324

By authority of the Court:


John M. Cleland, Senior Judge
Specially Presiding