

Media Advisory – For Planning Only

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Decorum Order Modified to Permit Tweeting at Sandusky Hearing

HARRISBURG – Senior Judge John M. Cleland, the trial judge appointed by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts to handle matters related to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania vs. Gerald A. Sandusky case, has modified the rules of conduct during the preliminary hearing to permit credentialed reporters to send text messages, email and tweets. No member of the general public may possess or use such a device, under the amended Decorum Order. In addition, no audio, video or photographic record will be permitted.

That hearing is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13 in Courtroom 1 of the Centre County Courthouse on North Allegheny St. in Bellefonte.

The revised order can be found below, and has been posted on the [Centre County website](#) along with all other documents and information relating to this case.

Judge Cleland, of McKean County, was assigned to the Sandusky case after all Centre County Common Pleas judges recused themselves. The Decorum Order outlines rules for Courthouse coverage and provides instructions for reporters and members of the public who will be attending the preliminary hearing. Instructions for obtaining credentials to view the hearing are included in the order.

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