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Circuit Court Judge

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT
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DANE COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN

vs

Case No. 21 CF 1568

CHANDLER M. HALDERSON

AMENDED ORDER REGARDING MEDIA AND COURTROOM ACCESS

The above-captioned matter is scheduled for jury selection and jury trial commencing Monday, January 3, 2022. The Court is mindful of the need to balance the right of the parties to a fair trial with the public's right to access. After considering this balancing, and after hearings and consultations, the Court enters this order.

Pursuant to SCR 61.03(1) and (2), video cameras will be permitted access to the media room adjacent to Courtroom 7D. These cameras will be subject to any restrictions set by the court.

Because the media room has limited space, no more than three video cameras may be used at one time. The media is encouraged to cooperate in the video process as no additional cameras, still or video, will be permitted within the courtroom.

These cameras may be used to capture images of counsel, the defendant, counsel tables, the witness stand and witnesses, the screen upon which exhibits are shown to

the jury, the bench, the well of the courtroom between the bench, counsel tables and the jury box, as well as a general view of the courtroom from the counsel tables to the witness stand. No image of the courtroom or any space within shall capture images of members of the public attending the trial such that their identity could be determined.

No camera shall take any close up of counsel table such that any detail of any written document or photograph can be identified. Based upon the witness lists, there is no restriction regarding showing the faces of any witness during their testimony.

The cameras shall not capture or broadcast any images of the jurors' faces, whether during jury selection or during trial. Particular care must be exercised the day of jury selection. At the beginning of the process, potential jurors will be seated in the gallery and the jury box. The media are prohibited from beginning any recording or live stream until after the entire jury panel is seated in the jury box and in the gallery. In that way, no faces will be recorded as potential jurors move into their seats. If it becomes necessary to excuse jurors during the selection process, the media are to focus their cameras on a neutral place within the courtroom so that the juror is not recorded as he or she gathers personal items and begins to leave the jury box area. Further, once a new juror is called from the gallery, the camera must remain focused upon a neutral space so that the face of the new juror is not recorded as they move into the well of the courtroom and to their seat.

As determined by the Court in response to pretrial motions on this subject, the live stream of court proceedings are not to include anything which occurs within the courtroom but outside of the jury's presence. Whenever the jury is excused from the courtroom, the video feed to any live stream shall be stopped in order to ensure that the jury is not exposed to anything which happened within the courtroom during their absence. Once the jury is reseated the live stream may resume. The media shall not record or live stream an image that shows the faces of the jury during the entry to or exit from the courtroom.

Should the Court engage in individual voir dire of any or all prospective jurors, such will be conducted in Courtroom 7C. That courtroom, and that process, will be open to the public and to the media. However, neither still photography nor video recording will be permitted. The Court finds that the use of such equipment carries too much potential to be detrimental to the process and that permitting cameras is unnecessary to fulfillment of the need for public access to court proceedings.