

LA PAZ COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LA PAZ



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IN THE MATTER OF:

HIGH PROFILE CASES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2011-00001**

Upon consideration of the 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 matters before the court hereby enters the following orders pertaining to the conduct of proceedings in the La Paz County Superior Court.

All persons are advised that the privacy of any alleged victim is of significant importance to this Court. Consistent with Arizona law, the media and all other persons are encouraged not to broadcast, publish or otherwise disseminate the image or name of any 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 La Paz County Superior Court facilities are not designed for proceedings that have generated public interest and therefore, reasonable accommodation and coordination is necessitated. At all times, access to and movement within the La Paz County Superior Court 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 La Paz County Superior Court, parties and their legal representatives, and agents thereof shall at all times be subject to this Administrative Order to the extent that it is not inconsistent with any other specific



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court order. This Order shall apply to all proceedings and other scheduled matters in these cases until further order of the 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 area within and adjacent to the La Paz County Superior Courthouse which is comprised as follows: areas comprised of the courtrooms, clerks' offices, judge's chambers, and hallways adjacent thereto; all surrounding lawns; all public grounds; and all parking areas within one block of the courthouse. In addition other authorities may institute other restrictions for the public safety of the community.
 - A. All electronic devices, including but not limited to computers, cameras, cell phones, video phones, tape recorders or other listening, recording broadcasting or transmitting devices, shall be barred from the Courtrooms except as set forth here and below or as permitted by a subsequent media coverage order. Any person who attempts to or does operate any prohibited device(s) within the Courthouse shall be removed from the premises and the device(s) shall be confiscated. This provision shall not apply to employees of the Court or the La Paz County Sheriff's Office, or to other law enforcement personnel in the La Paz County Superior Courthouse, for law enforcement purposes.
 - B. No interviews shall be conducted within the Courthouse.
 - 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 a subsequent media coverage order. This restriction includes photographs, transmissions or recordings of persons inside the Courthouse even if taken or obtained from outside the Courthouse.
 - D. The media and members of the public may photograph or videograph persons as they come and go from the Courthouse, except victims or 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 persons 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.

- E. The flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic outside the Courthouse may not be impeded. 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 concourse and our courtyard 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 La Paz County Superior Courthouse.
- 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 La Paz County Superior Courthouse within the presence of any persons known to be a prospective or selected juror. 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 La Paz County Superior Courthouse, 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 multiple proceedings, shall be erected. Tents, chairs, tables and similar items shall not be placed on the Public Grounds of the La Paz County Superior Courthouse except as approved and permitted by the Court. Any conduct not otherwise approved and which may damage or destroy the existing landscaping is prohibited.
- H. Notwithstanding the above provisions and subject to Paragraph 1(D), and in accordance with Rule 122 of the Arizona Rules of Supreme Court, a plan for

Electronic and Photograph Coverage for Judicial Proceedings shall be determined at least 48 hours prior to any scheduled hearing.

- I. Demonstration Area, if so designated. Any demonstrations and any distribution to individuals of literature, pamphlets, books or other written materials shall be restricted to the Demonstration Area.
 - J. Notwithstanding the above provisions, all persons on the premises of the La Paz County Superior Courthouse shall at all time comply with any specific direction given by Court personnel and/or law enforcement personnel.
2. The following restrictions shall apply to all courtrooms. For purposes of this section 2, "courtroom" shall include any spillover courtroom or another 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 listening, recording, broadcasting, or transmitting devices, shall be permitted in the courtroom except pursuant to a subsequent media coverage order.
 - B. No media interviews shall be conducted in the courtroom at any time.
 - C. Seating assignment shall be determined after case assignment. 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 any other medium expressing an opinion for any party is prohibited.
 - F. The public and media will be permitted only in designated areas.
 - G. All persons who enter the courthouse will be subject to screening by a magnetometer, x-ray or wand. Court Security, Law Enforcement, or a designee shall have discretion as to whether a person may be admitted to the courtroom depending on the results of the screening.

3. Restrictions shall apply to all parking areas.
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.

DATED this 4 day of May, 2011.



Honorable Michael J. Burke, Presiding Judge
La Paz County Superior Court

Original filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court in La Paz County.

