## NO. 15-01-00728-CR

THE STATE OF TEXAS 

§ IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

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V. § MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS

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DON WILBURN COLLINS § 359<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

# ORDER AS TO GUIDELINES FOR PHOTOGRAPHING, RECORDING AND BROADCASTING COURTROOM PROCEEDINGS

On this day, as to the above cause, the Court has reconsidered its order entitled "In Re Media: Standing Orders and Guidelines for Photographing, Recording, and Broadcasting Courtroom Proceedings, in the 359<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, of Montgomery County, Texas" signed on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005.

IT IS THE ORDER OF THIS COURT THAT, as to any proceedings in this cause, this Order supersedes the Court's previous "In Re Media: Standing Orders and Guidelines for Photographing, Recording, and Broadcasting Courtroom Proceedings, in the 359<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, of Montgomery County, Texas," as follows:

**PARKING** (adopted from the "Galveston County Justice Center Media Rules"):

- 1. Vans, mobile units, motor homes, etc. owned by the media are prohibited from parking in areas generally designated for the public or employees.
- 2. The media is not exempt from parking law established by the City of Galveston. Parking in fire lanes or other prohibited areas may result in a parking ticket.
- 3. As a courtesy to our public, the media is asked to refrain from parking in areas primarily used by the public or jurors at the Galveston County Justice Center.
- 4. Parking of any vehicle in the area designated for employees of the Galveston County Justice Center is strictly prohibited.
- 5. Parking of any vehicle at the loading dock of the Galveston County Justice Center is strictly prohibited and vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

**BUILDING RULES** (excluding the courtroom, as adopted from the "Galveston County Justice Center Media Rules"):

- 1. Media persons not in the courtroom are asked to refrain from conducting business in the hallways of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors of the Justice Center.
- 2. Interviews/Press Conferences, etc. are prohibited on floors 2, 3 and 4 of the Justice Center. Outdoor press conferences are permitted in the front of the building only.
- 3. For security reasons, no persons, including Judge, Court Staff, D.A. or D.A. staff, shall be approached inside the gated parking area at the rear of the building.
- 4. Eating in the building is limited to the Public Lounge located on the first floor of the Justice Center.
- 5. Telephones in the offices of court staff are not available to the media.
- 6. Please respect this facility and clean up after yourself.

#### AUDIO/VIDEO COVERAGE IN THE COURTROOM:

No audio/video coverage of any of the proceedings in the above referenced case shall be allowed in the courtroom.

#### PROHIBITED CONTACT WITH JURORS:

Media persons are prohibited from any direct or indirect contact with the jurors in this cause (verbal, electronic, or otherwise) until such time as the jurors are discharged from the case.

### **COURT LIAISON**

The Court Coordinator of the 359<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court shall act as a Liaison between the media and the court on issues not requiring a legal motion.

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SIGNED this 30 day of Januay, 2015.

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359<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT