

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
IN
BALTIMORE CITY

PUBLIC/MEDIA PROTOCOL ORDER

In order to ensure fair trials in all criminal cases, and to preserve the dignity of the Court while accommodating the interests of the public and the media, and in order to prevent disruption of the operations of the District Court and its neighbors, it is this 26th day of May, 2015, by the District Court in Baltimore City, **ORDERED** as follows:

1. Hearings of potential public interest are scheduled to be conducted at Baltimore City District Court, Borgerding Building, 5800 Wabash Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215, and at Baltimore City District Court, Hargrove Building, 700 E. Patapsco Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21225, over the next several weeks.
2. Case information is available at the courthouse information centers or accessible online via Judiciary case search (<http://mdcourts.gov/courts/courtrecords.html>). For more information, contact the media liaisons listed below.
3. Mr. Lou Gieszl, Assistant Administrator for Programs, Administrative Office of the Courts, will act as the media liaison and can be reached by telephone at 410-260-1488 or cell 443-784-2056; or by email at

lou.gieszl@mdcourts.gov. Beginning on Monday, June 1, Ms. Terri Charles, Deputy Director, Office of Communications and Public Affairs, Maryland Judiciary, may also be contacted by telephone at 410-260-1486 or cell 443-995-9263; or by email at terri.charles@mdcourts.gov.

4. All persons entering the courthouse must adhere to security procedures as directed by the bailiffs, including allowing their equipment and belongings to be searched at the discretion of the bailiffs. In order to expedite the process, individuals entering the courthouse are requested to refrain from bringing excess bags or backpacks.
5. Pursuant to Maryland Rule 16-110, all electronic devices including press cameras must remain OFF AND INOPERABLE inside the court facility. Security or other court personnel may inspect and confiscate an electronic device for misuse. Security and other court personnel are not liable for any damage, misplacement, or loss to electronic devices confiscated or collected pursuant to this order.
6. All requests for CD recordings of the proceedings must be in writing and be accompanied by the appropriate fee. Recordings will be available as soon as possible but no later than close of business the day following an afternoon trial.
7. Individuals shall be permitted in the courtroom as allowed by District Court procedures and the fire marshal. Seating is limited, and members of

the media will be seated in a designated area as directed by security on a first-come basis.

8. Other than in designated media staging areas, press cameras are not permitted. Media staging areas are located on the side of the courthouse buildings, as designated by security, and on the public sidewalk. The media shall not block the entrances or exits to court buildings. The media staging and parking area for the District Court Borgerding Building will be at Wabash Avenue and Mt. Hope Drive. The media staging and parking area for the District Court Hargrove Building will be at the corner of Patapsco and 7th Avenues. All media parking will be in areas designated by security onsite.
9. No person shall be permitted to enter or remain in the courtroom or court facility if engaged in disruptive behavior.
10. Demonstrations will be allowed in designated areas of the court parking lot as directed by security.
11. No food or drink is permitted in the courtrooms. Also, smoking is not allowed anywhere in the courthouse.
12. Photographing judges or staff, or their vehicles, entering, leaving, or within the courthouse is not permitted.
13. Members of the District Court staff shall not be interviewed or photographed.

14. A request to modify this order will only be considered if made in sufficient time in advance of the court matter to permit the Court to review the proposed modification.
15. Any individual who violates this order will be subject to removal and, if appropriate, to the contempt powers of the Court.
16. This Order is subject to modification by the Court at any time.

/S/
Judge Barbara B. Waxman

cc: All Counsel of Record
Chief Judge John P. Morrissey
Lou Gieszl, Assistant Administrator
Ms. Mary Abrams, Administrative Clerk
Nella Altadonna, Supervising Bailiff
Michael Brady, District Court Security