

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ,
Plaintiff,

v.

TIM DeCHRISTOPHER,
Defendant(s).

TRIAL DECORUM ORDER

Case No. 2:09cr183 DVBy
Judge Dee Benson

FILED IN UNITED STATES DISTRICT
COURT, DISTRICT OF UTAH
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D. MARK JONES, CLERK
DEPUTY CLERK

To ensure that the trial, scheduled to begin Monday, February 28, 2011, in the above-captioned case proceeds in an orderly manner and to provide for media coverage and for public observation of the proceedings, the following provisions regarding protocol, decorum, and the use of electronic devices will be in effect.

1. The trial will be held in Courtroom #246, on the second floor. A portion of the spectator gallery of the courtroom will be reserved for media representatives and the public, as well as for concerned parties to the matter at hand.
2. Media representatives and spectators will be expected to be in their seats approximately 20 minutes prior to the commencement of court proceedings. An overflow space for the media has been arranged in Room 140, on the first floor.
3. Media representatives will be required to have their own agency-issued press credentials (including photo) visible at all times, on their person, while in the Courthouse, Courtroom #246, and the Media Room #140. Courtroom access passes will not be issued from the District Court Clerk's Office, but instead court security officers and court staff will rely upon these visible press credentials for decision-making regarding appropriate seating and decorum issues. Failure to be properly identified may result in exclusion from subsequent hearings related to this matter.
4. No media interviews will be permitted inside the corridors, courtrooms, conference rooms, or the Media Room (140) of the Courthouse.
5. Members of the media who are granted access to the Media Room (140) and not the courtroom, due to limited seating, are expected to maintain professional decorum and to abide by these same ground rules in that overflow space whenever possible.
6. The press and the public are reminded that they should not attempt to communicate with prospective witnesses for the trial until its conclusion. Failure to observe this prohibition or disruption caused related to attempts to communicate inappropriately with witnesses may result in a charge of contempt of court.
7. Media representatives will not be permitted to bring laptop computers into the courtroom. For those media representatives seated in the overflow space (Room 140), laptops will be permitted in that location for the purposes of drafting a story/news coverage. Broadcasting and transmission is strictly prohibited from Room 140.
8. Cellular phones are not permitted inside the Courthouse, except for counsel and members of the court staff, unless otherwise permitted by order of the presiding judge.

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9. No cameras or photography of any kind will be permitted inside the Courthouse. This includes all cellular phones, handheld PCs, laptops, or other electronic devices with a built-in camera.
10. Any electronic devices with wireless transmission capability such as cellular telephones, handheld PCs, laptops, or other must either be switched off completely or the wireless capability deactivated while in the Courthouse. No transmission, email, internet posting, online social networking, or broadcasting is permitted from within the Courthouse by members of the media or the public.
11. The use of wireless and related electronic devices to record or to broadcast any court proceedings is expressly forbidden. No person seated in the courtroom and no media representatives in the Media Room (140) shall attempt to engage in such recording or broadcasting. Failure to comply with this prohibition may result in the confiscation of the device, in exclusion from the Courthouse for the duration of the proceedings in this matter, and/or a charge of contempt of court.
12. No member of the media or public will be admitted within the courtroom well (internal area of the courtroom where counsel, court staff, and clients are located) at any time.
13. Counsel, parties, and witnesses in this matter shall restrict their participation in any media interviews, briefings, or related interactions, to locations outside of the Courthouse.
14. The Clerk's Office of the Courthouse, Room 150, is intended for conducting court business. Its intake area is not a location for lengthy waiting by members of the media or the public. Information for members of the media will be posted in Room 140 and via communication with Michelle Oldroyd. Disruption to the work of the Clerk's Office or blocking access to its intake area is strictly prohibited.
15. Courtroom artists will be permitted in the gallery of the courtroom for these proceedings. Any questions regarding seating or directions regarding sketches shall be directed to the Michelle Oldroyd for further clarification.
16. Members of the media or the community with any questions regarding this matter are directed not to contact the chambers of Judge Benson, and are instructed to contact Michelle Oldroyd at (801) 524-6128 with any concerns.
17. Any violation of the foregoing, and any conduct which the Court finds disruptive of the proceedings, will result in an order of temporary or permanent exclusion of the offender(s) from the remainder of proceedings in this matter.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED.

DATED this 25 day of February, 2011.

BY THE COURT



JUDGE DEE BENSON