

STATE OF MARYLAND

\* IN THE

\* CIRCUIT COURT

v.

\* FOR

JARROD WARREN RAMOS

\* ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

*Defendant*

\* Case No. C-02-CR-18-001515

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**SECURITY/MEDIA ORDER**

In order to ensure a fair trial in this case and to preserve the dignity of the Court while accommodating the interests of the public and the media and in order to cause minimal disruption of and to maintain a safe and secure environment for the Circuit Court and its neighbors, it is this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2019, by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, **ORDERED** as follows:

1. The trial in the above-captioned case is scheduled to be conducted in Courtroom 4C, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401. The presiding Judge will be Judge Laura S. Ripken.
2. Ms. Nadine Maeser, Public Information Officer, Government Relations and Public Affairs, Maryland Judiciary, is designated as the Court's media liaison for purposes of this Order and can be reached at office: 410-260-1486 or cell 443-926-1128, e-mail: [nadine.maeser@mdcourts.gov](mailto:nadine.maeser@mdcourts.gov). In her absence, Ms. Terri Charles, Assistant Public Information Officer, Government Relations and Public Affairs, Maryland Judiciary, will act as the media liaison and can be reached at office: 410-260-1564 or cell 410-703-3123, e-mail address: [terri.charles@mdcourts.gov](mailto:terri.charles@mdcourts.gov)
3. All media inquiries must be referred to the media liaison.
4. Jim Fredericks, the Sheriff for Anne Arundel County, is responsible for maintaining security in and around the Circuit Court building. All persons must comply

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with the Sheriff's instructions concerning security measures in the building. References to the Sheriff herein include his deputies and assistants.

5. All persons entering the courthouse must adhere to security procedures as directed by the Sheriff and pass through electronic security devices and submit their equipment to search procedures at the discretion of the Sheriff's deputies. To expedite entry, members of the media are requested to refrain from bringing excess bags or backpacks into the courthouse and must show a valid media credential to security personnel.

6. No audio or video recording equipment, press cameras or recording or transmitting equipment shall be permitted in the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Electronic devices that are permitted inside the courthouse may not be used for taking, recording or transmitting a photograph, video or other visual image unless otherwise permitted by the court.

7. Limited seating will be available in the gallery of courtroom 4C, as determined by the Court and Fire Marshal regulations. The Court may apportion the available seating. Additionally, the Court will make overflow seating arrangements in another courtroom, to view the proceedings via video live feed. The video from the live feed will not be recorded and will not be available to stream outside of the courthouse. An additional and separate media workspace will also be provided for media personnel only with a valid media credential.

8. After court adjourns each day, trial exhibits that have been admitted in evidence may be made available for viewing purposes only by media representatives for a maximum of 30 minutes in the courtroom, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. The exhibits shall be available for viewing only one time. All media must exit the courthouse at the end of the 30-minute exhibit review period or by 5:00 p.m., whichever is later.

9. The courtroom clerk assigned to the Court for these proceedings shall

serve as coordinator of the viewing of trial exhibits and as custodian of same.

10. No "live" television, telephone, radio, or other broadcasts of exhibits shall be permitted during the viewing of exhibits.

11. Certain trial exhibits shall be handled by court approved technicians or specialists only.

12. Counsel for the parties or their representatives shall be allowed to be present for any activity permitted by this Order.

13. The Sheriff will establish procedures to govern orderly entry and exit to and from the courthouse and courtrooms.

14. Members of the media, and other courtroom observers, shall not use electronic equipment, including pagers, PDAs, mobile phones, computers, laptops, netbooks, or electronic tablets inside the trial courtroom, which will be 4C unless otherwise noted. All electronic devices must be turned off completely (not in silent or sleep mode) during court proceedings in Courtroom 4C. Sheriff's deputies may inspect an electronic device for misuse, and, if necessary, confiscate the device if it appears to be in use in violation of this order. Sheriff's deputies and other court personnel are not liable for any damage to or loss of electronic devices confiscated pursuant to this Order. Verified members of the media will be permitted to use such electronic equipment in the overflow seating courtroom and media workspace. Such devices cannot be used for audio or video recording or still photography in any location in the courthouse. All personal belongings and work equipment must be removed each day.

15. No one shall be permitted to enter the courtroom or remain therein during these proceedings who is wearing or displaying any item on his or her person which the Court determines may influence any juror, impact the trial or affect the orderly administration of these proceedings.

16. No food or drink is permitted in the courtroom by anyone in the observation area. No smoking is permitted in the Courthouse. Persons who leave the trial courtroom during proceedings may not be re-admitted until the next recess.

17. No members of the media are permitted to contact, record, film, video, photograph, or speak with any potential jurors, empaneled jurors or witnesses during the course of these proceedings, regardless of the location of such jurors or witnesses.

18. Members of the Circuit Court staff or Clerk's Office shall not be interviewed, recorded, photographed or otherwise depicted regarding this case.

19. If members of the media believe that any aspect of this Order is unworkable or inappropriate, they may request modification only if such request is made in sufficient time in advance of the court matter to permit the Court to review the proposed modification. Any such requests are to be directed to the media liaison.

20. Violations of this Order will subject the violator to exclusion from the Courthouse and, if appropriate, to the contempt powers of the Court.

21. This Order is subject to modification by the Court at any time.

  
LAURA S. RIPKEN, Judge  
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County