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CRAWFORD COUNTY, PA

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
Criminal Division

COMMONWEALTH

MD 91-2024

v.

RE: MJ-30306-CR-56-2024

SHAWN CHRISTOPHER CRANSTON

DECORUM ORDER GOVERNING
PRELIMINARY HEARING

AND NOW, March 13, 2024, after consultation with the District Court Administrator, the Crawford County Sheriff, local law enforcement and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, the following Order is entered.

The terms of this Order apply to the conduct of the Preliminary Hearing scheduled to begin at 1:15 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2024 in Courtroom No. 1 of the Crawford County Judicial Center, Meadville, PA. A satellite courtroom will be located in Courtroom No. 3 of the Crawford County Judicial Center, Meadville, PA.

The provisions noted as "Mandatory" shall be applied by the Court and enforced accordingly by its officers and agents, including Crawford County Sheriff and Court Staff. The provisions noted as "Informational" are intended to provide meaningful structure and guidance to those reporters and members of the general public who will be attending the hearing.

MANDATORY

1. Reporters and members of the general public will be admitted to Courtroom No. 1 and Courtroom No. 3 between 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. Reporters and members of

2. the general public will not be admitted to Courtroom No. 1 or Courtroom No. 3 after 1:00 p.m., except as otherwise authorized by the Sheriff.
3. Reporters may be required to show media identification including a photo upon request of the Crawford County Sheriff's Department or Crawford County Court Staff.
4. No reporter or member of the general public will be permitted to take food or beverages into Courtroom No. 1 or Courtroom No. 3.
5. All reporters and members of the general public must be seated before the hearing begins. Those seated in Courtroom No. 1 and Courtroom No. 3 are expected to remain in their seats until the Court either calls a recess or until the session has ended.
6. No person, except those immediately involved in the proceedings and designated court staff, will be permitted beyond the bar of Courtroom No. 1 at any lime.
7. No one except the parties or their representatives have standing to address the Court or speak during the lime that Court is in session. Should anyone violate this Order, they will immediately be asked to leave the Courtroom without further notice.
8. No electronic transmission, video recording, sound recording or any other electronic duplication of the proceedings of any type is permitted in Courtroom No. 1 or Courtroom No. 3. (See Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure Rule 112 and Pennsylvania Rule of Judicial Administration 1910).
9. Reporters and member of the general public may carry cell phones or similar devices into Courtroom No. 1 or Courtroom No. 3, however any such device must be turned off (not merely set to vibrate mode) and out of sight at all times.
10. Reporters will be permitted to use laptops, tablets or other similar devices in Courtroom No. 1 and Courtroom No. 3, but solely for the purpose of note-taking. Such devices shall not be used during the hearing for electronic based communications, and shall not be set in a mode that permits transmission of any

form of communication to any person or device either in or out of the Courthouse. They must also be on silent mode, with no notifications sounding.

11. Any person who violates the provisions of this order regarding the use of electronic devices will be subject to the penalties for contempt of court (including fines or summary incarceration) under any applicable statute, order or rule of court. Any reporter who violates this order, the news organization the reporter represents and any news outlet that rebroadcasts or republishes any account prohibited by this order may also be subject to sanction.
12. There will be no video footage or still photographs inside the Crawford County Judicial Center. Outside the building, reporters and members of the general public are requested to respect the cultural beliefs and customs of all members of the Amish community attending this matter with respect to photography, videography and other images in their likeness.
13. Reporters and members of the public will not be permitted on Chancery Lane March 15, 2024 from noon until a half hour after the close of the proceeding.
14. No news media interviews whatsoever shall be conducted in the Judicial Center.
15. The Sheriff of Crawford County or his designee, in consultation with the Court, shall have the authority to make such reasonable rules and regulations as may be required to provide adequate security intended to assure the safety of all those in the Judicial Center and on the Judicial Center grounds and the orderly conduct of the Preliminary Hearing.

INFORMATIONAL

16. All reporters and members of the public must enter the Judicial Center through the front entrance on East Center Street and must pass through security screening.
17. Parking is available on and around Diamond Park, in metered and non metered, but signed, spaces. The Court will not validate parking.

18. Access to power outlets will NOT be available in Courtroom No. 1 and Courtroom No. 3.

19. All media inquiries should be directed to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC):

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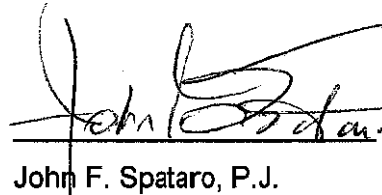
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BY THE COURT,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John F. Spataro", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is enclosed within a vertical rectangular box on the right side.

John F. Spataro, P.J.

Paula C. DiGiacomo, Esq., District Attorney

Gary A. Kern, Esq., First Assistant Public Defender

Dave Powers, Sheriff

Court Administration