

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

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CRAWFORD COUNTY, PA

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

vs

CR 227-2024

Shawn C. Cranston,
Defendant

DECORUM ORDER GOVERNING JURY SELECTION AND JURY TRIAL

AND NOW, this 3rd day of March 2025, after consultation with the President Judge of Crawford County, the District Court Administrator of Crawford County and the Crawford County Sheriff the following Order is entered.

The terms of this Order apply to the conduct of Jury Selection and the Conduct of the Jury Trial scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. on March 11, 2025, in Courtroom Number 2 of the Crawford County Judicial Center.

The provisions noted as "Mandatory" shall be applied by the Court and enforced accordingly by its officers and agents. 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 Jury Selection and/or the Jury Trial.

MANDATORY-JURY SELECTION

1. On March 11, 2025, reporters and members of the general public will be admitted to Courtroom Number 2 only after all of the prospective jurors have been seated in the courtroom.
2. Seating for reporters and members of the general public during Jury Selection will be very limited and may be subject to availability. It is the Court's intention that 5 reporters will be granted access to the courtroom during selection. There will be a designated row in the courtroom for 5 reporters.

3. Reporters may be required to show media identification upon the request of the Crawford County Sheriff's Department or court staff.
4. No one will be permitted to take food or beverages into the courtroom.
5. All reporters and members of the general public must be seated after all of the prospective jurors have been seated and before the Jury Selection commences. Those seated in the courtroom 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 the courtroom at any time.
7. No one except the parties or their representatives have standing to address the court or speak during the time that Court is in session. Should anyone violate this Order, they will immediately be asked to leave the courtroom without further notice.
8. Neither Counsel nor the parties shall disclose the names or information regarding any member of the jury panel.
9. No electronic transmission, video recording, sound recording or any other electronic duplication of the proceeding of any type is permitted in Courtroom Number 2. (See Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure Rule 112, Pennsylvania Rule of Judicial Administration 1910 and 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 5103.1.)
10. Reporters and members of the general public may carry cell phones or similar devices into Courtroom Number 2; however, any device must be turned off (not merely on vibrate mode) and out of sight at all times. Use of the internet or telephone service for transmitting in any way from Courtroom Number 2 is prohibited.
11. Reporters will be permitted to use laptops, tablets, or other similar devices in the Courtroom for the sole purpose of note-taking. Such devices shall not be used during the Jury Selection 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 inside or outside of the Judicial Center. The device must be on silent mode with no notifications sounding.

12. 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 and 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.
13. There will be no video recording, video broadcasting or still photographing inside of the Crawford County Judicial Center.
14. No news media interviews whatsoever shall be conducted in the Crawford County Judicial Center.
15. The Sheriff of Crawford County or his designee, in consultation with the Court, shall have the authority to make sure reasonable rules and regulations as may be required to provide adequate security intended to assure the safety of all those in the Crawford County Judicial Center and on the Judicial Center grounds and the orderly conduct of the Jury Selection.

MANDATORY- JURY TRIAL

16. It is the Court's intention that the Jury Trial shall commence as soon as practicable after the Jury Selection.
17. Reporters and members of the general public will be admitted to Courtroom Number 2 prior to the start of the Jury Trial and approximately 15 minutes prior to the start of each day's session of the Jury Trial. The Court intends to start each day of the Jury Trial at approximately 9:00 a.m. and end each day at approximately 4:30 p.m. Reporters and members of the general public will not be admitted into Courtroom Number 2 after a session of the Jury Trial has commenced, except as otherwise authorized by the Sheriff.

18. The Allocation of Reserved Seating in the courtroom for the Jury Trial is as follows:
 - a. The Commonwealth- The first two rows of seats behind the Commonwealth's counsel table.
 - b. The Defendant- The first row of seats behind Defense counsel's table.
 - c. Reporters- The second row of seats behind defense counsel's table.
19. Reporters may be required to show media identification upon the request of the Crawford County Sheriff's Department or court staff.
20. No one will be permitted to take food or beverages into the courtroom.
21. All reporters and members of the general public must be seated prior to the start of a session of the Jury Trial. Those seated in the courtroom are expected to remain in their seats until the court either calls a recess or until the session has ended.
22. No person, except those immediately involved in the proceedings and designated court staff, will be permitted beyond the bar of the courtroom at any time.
23. No one except the parties or their representatives have standing to address the court or speak during the time that Court is in session. Should anyone violate this Order, they will immediately be asked to leave the courtroom without further notice.
24. No electronic transmission, video recording, sound recording or any other electronic duplication of the proceeding of any type is permitted in Courtroom Number 2. (See Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure Rule 112 and Pennsylvania Rule of Judicial Administration 1910 and 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 5103.1.)
25. Reporters and members of the general public may carry cell phones or similar devices into Courtroom Number 2; however, any device must be turned off (not merely on vibrate mode) and out of sight at all times. Use of the internet or telephone service for transmitting in any way from Courtroom Number 2 is prohibited.

26. Reporters will be permitted to use laptops, tablets, or other similar devices in the Courtroom for the sole purpose of note-taking. Such devices shall not be used during the Jury Trial 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 inside or outside of the Judicial Center. The device must be on silent mode with no notifications sounding.
27. 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 and 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.
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INFORMATIONAL

31. All reporters and members of the general public must enter the Judicial Center through the front entrance of the building on East Center Street and must pass through security screening.
32. Parking is available on and around Diamond Park at metered and non-metered spaces. The Court will not validate parking for reporters or members of the general public.
33. Access to power outlets will NOT be available in the Courtroom.

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

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