

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE  
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF FREMONT**

STATE OF IDAHO,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LORI NORENE VALLOW,  
a/k/a LORI NORENE DAYBELL

Defendant.

Case No. CR-22-20-838 & CR22-21-1624

**ORDER GOVERNING  
COURTROOM CONDUCT**

This Order shall govern courtroom conduct and media activities within the courtroom in this matter, as may be amended from time to time. This Order shall supersede any prior Order Governing Courtroom Conduct

The court is mindful of the need to balance (1) the constitutional right of the defendant to a fair hearing; (2) the public's right to information in conjunction with the constitutional and statutory rights of the media to attend the proceedings; (3) the court's interest in maintaining order and an environment which permits all participants to focus on their responsibilities without undue distractions; and (4) the court's interest in limiting person-to-person contact due to COVID-19 as well as the safety of the public and court personnel, and following all Idaho Supreme Court Orders pertaining to COVID-19 and any Seventh Judicial District Administrative Judge's Orders. With these factors in mind, pursuant to Idaho Court Administrative Rules (ICAR) 45 and 49, the court orders as follows:

**1) COURTROOM SEATING AND ATTENDANCE**

**A) Seating for Victim(s), Families of Defendant, Counsel, Other Court Personnel.** In order to comply with continuing COVID-19 safety protocols, including the requirement of six foot social distancing from person(s) not living in the same household, Courtroom attendance shall be limited to required court personnel, attorneys and their assistants, parties, victims, a designated victim/witness advocate, necessary witnesses, immediate family members of the victims, immediate family members of the defendant, and media representatives as described in 1(B) below. Those participants shall be subject to the six foot social distancing requirements. Any additional public seating shall be as described in 1(C) below. If there is room remaining for members of the public for any proceeding or

hearing that is held in-person in this matter, then the number of remaining public seats shall be determined after accounting for those persons provided for above. If there are remaining public seats then those may be filled on a “first come, first served” basis.

- B) Pooled Media Seating.** The Representatives of the media serving as the pooled camera staff, subject to a limit of three (3) media members operating the pooled broadcast/recording of the hearing and one (1) media member handling the pooled still photography.
- C) Public and Additional Media Seating.** If, after provision for seating of those referenced in 1(A) and 1(B) above, there remains sufficient space, subject to the six foot social distancing requirements, for public and members of the media then those persons may be permitted into the courtroom as space permits. No standing in the courtroom will be allowed.
- D) Seating in Front of the Bar.** No one other than court personnel designated by the Court, the Defendant, the attorneys and their assistants shall be permitted to sit in the chairs in front of the bar and behind counsel table or within the jury box without specific authorization of the court.
- E) Entry and Exit During Court Proceedings.** Spectators, including members of the media and the public, shall be seated before court is in session during any portion of a hearing. No entry or re-entry to the courtroom shall be permitted while court is in session.

## **2) GENERAL RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

- A) COVID-19 Precautions.** All persons must maintain a social distancing area of six feet from all individuals not residing in their household and follow any other social distancing requests communicated to them by court personnel or security.
- B) Security Screening.** All persons entering the courtroom are subject to security screening. Handbags, backpacks, and other carry-ins are subject to inspection.
- C) Cell Phones.** Cell phones are permitted but must be turned off or silenced and SHALL NOT be used for recording or the transmission of sounds or images.
- D) Other Electronic Devices.** Members of the media may utilize computers, laptops and other similar devices for the purposes of note taking, but SHALL NOT record or transmit sounds or images in or from the courtroom.
- E) Disruptive Behavior.** Any activity or behavior which is considered disruptive by the

Court will result in removal from the courtroom. Any spectator who creates a visual or auditory disturbance of the court proceedings may be removed from the courtroom and/or the building at any time at the discretion of court security personnel.

### 3) MEDIA COVERAGE

- A) **Courtroom Media Requirements.** Allowed media representatives and their equipment will be located in an area of the courtroom designated by the Trial Court Administrator or Bailiff. Any traditional still camera shall have a silent shutter. No flash photography is allowed. The number of and placement of cameras being used to broadcast and/or record the proceedings shall be subject to the approval of the Court. No movement around the courtroom will be allowed during court proceedings. Camera and audio equipment shall not be set up nor disassembled at any time while court is in session.
- B) **Portion of Proceedings Which May be Televised.** Photography, video, and audio will not be permitted during a recess in the court proceedings. “Recess” means any time the judge is not at the bench. No electronic device shall record the audio and/or video of any bench conference (“side bar”) between the court and counsel. No conferences between an attorney and client or conferences between co-counsel shall be recorded.
- C) **Restrictions on Video and Photographs.** No video or still photography shall be taken of any papers, documents, or notes which may be located on counsel’s table or used by counsel.
- D) **Interviews and Reporting.** No media interviews or reporting shall be conducted in the courtroom. In addition, any interview or media reporting shall be subject to the Seventh Judicial District’s Administrative Order 2021-21 issued by Dane H. Watkins, Jr., Administrative District Judge on June 1, 2021.
- E) **Media Inquiries.** Media inquiries and communications regarding these matters shall be directed to Nate Poppino, Court Communications Manager for the Idaho Supreme Court at [npoppino@idcourts.net](mailto:npoppino@idcourts.net) or by phone at: 208-296-9055 or Tammie D. Whyte, Trial Court Administrator for the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. The Clerk of the Courts will provide Ms. Whyte’s contact information upon request.
- F) **ICAR 45/49.** All other provisions of Idaho Court Administrative (ICAR) Rules 45 and 49 apply and any authorization under this Order may be revoked at any time, without prior notice.



4) **SECURITY**

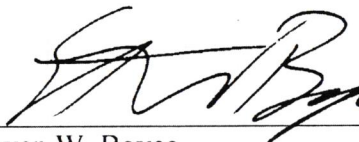
A) **Courthouse Area Security.** Security officers may quiet or disperse members of the public or the media so as to not hinder other members of the public and court staff from having access to the building and to the Clerk of Courts office and the other courtrooms in the building.

B) **Disruptive Behavior.** Any activity or behavior which is considered disruptive by the court will result in removal. Any spectator who creates a visual or auditory disturbance of the court proceedings may be removed from the courtroom and/or the building at any time at the discretion of court security personnel.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2021.

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Steven W. Boyce  
District Judge



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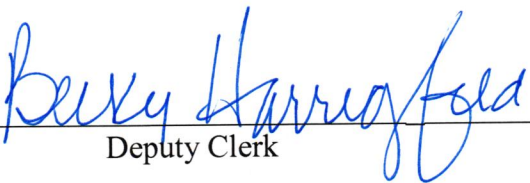
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