

DISTRICT COURT
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO vs.
Defendant:
CHRISTOPHER LEE WATTS

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18CR2003
Division/Ctrm:
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[S] PEOPLE’S RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT’S MOTION (D-038) and COURT’S ORDER C-14

COMES NOW, MICHAEL J. ROURKE, District Attorney in and for the Nineteenth Judicial District of the State of Colorado, and by and through his undersigned Chief Deputy District Attorney and Deputy District Attorney, respectfully responds to Defendant’s Motion (D-037) as follows:

1. The People are in receipt and have reviewed Defendant’s pleading (D-038) and this Honorable Court’s Order #C-14.
2. As of this date, the People have not received the autopsy reports at issue. The People contacted the Weld County Coroner’s Office (herein referred to as WCCO), and the WCCO has not received the final reports from the forensic pathologist.
3. The WCCO has, however, received approximately 20 requests for the autopsy reports of the victims in this case. The WCCO began receiving requests on August 17, 2018 and the requests have continued through September 21, 2018. In addition to the written requests, there are numerous media outlets and their producers who continually telephone the WCCO, on a daily basis, requesting the autopsy reports and updates. Additionally, there have been a number of private individual requests (citizen requests) for the autopsy reports, by persons who do not appear to have any connection to this case.
4. In an abundance of caution, the People prepared and filed People’s [L]. The People did not state, nor insinuate that the autopsy reports of the victim’s in this case were completed and that the People were in possession of said autopsy reports.
5. The People are well aware of their Rule 16 obligations and have every intention of providing Counsel for Defendant the reports, upon receipt, via the discovery process.

DATED this 24th day of September 2018.

MICHAEL J. ROURKE, #28812
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on 9/24/18, a true and correct copy of People's [S_] was e-filed and e-served via ICCES E-System, addressed to the following: John Walsh/Kathryn Herold/Public Defender's Office

BY /s/KLHolscher