

DISTRICT COURT, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO 901 9 th Avenue Greeley, Colorado 80631 (970) 475-2400	DATE FILED: September 26, 2018
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, Plaintiff v. CHRISTOPHER LEE WATTS , Defendant	▲ Court Use Only ▲
	Case No. 18CR2003 Division: 5
<p align="center">ORDER (C-17) REGARDING PEOPLE’S MOTION “L” & RESPONSE “S” AND DEFENDANT’S NOTICE “D-038”</p>	

On September 21, 2018 this court issued Order C-14 regarding the prosecution’s *Motion to Deny Disclosure of Public Record*. Subsequently, the court was advised that the Weld County Coroner’s Office (“WCCO”) has received approximately twenty (20) requests for the autopsy reports beginning on August 17, 2018. In addition to the written requests, numerous media outlets and their producers have requested the autopsy reports and updates. The prosecution further advised the court that as of September 24, 2018 they have not received the autopsy reports at issue and the WCCO has not received the final reports from the forensic pathologist.

Upon the WCCO’s completion of the autopsy reports and receipt by the prosecution and defendant, the prosecution shall advise the court in writing. Thereafter the court will schedule a hearing “... at the earliest practical time...”, as required by C.R.S. 24-72-204(6)(a), to determine if public disclosure of the content of the autopsy reports would do substantial injury to the public interest.

Lastly, the deadlines imposed by the court in Order C-14 are hereby vacated. Until further order of the court, upon completion of the autopsy, the parties and the WCCO shall treat these

reports as confidential and not a public document. The prosecution shall provide a copy of this Order to the WCCO.

BY THE COURT:

Dated: September 26, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcelo A. Kopcow". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Marcelo A. Kopcow
District Court Judge