

District Court, Weld County, Colorado Court address: 901 9 th Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631	DATE FILED: November 13, 2018 3:32 PM
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, Plaintiff v. CHRISTOPHER WATTS, Defendant	▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲
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(D-043) MR. WATTS' OBJECTION TO REQUESTS FOR EXPANDED MEDIA FILED ON NOVEMBER 6 AND 7, 2018	

CHRISTOPHER WATTS, through his attorneys, hereby objects to the requests for expanded media coverage filed on November 6 and November 7, 2018. In support of this objection, Mr. Watts states:

1. Various members of the media filed requests for expanded media coverage of the sentencing hearing in this case, scheduled for November 19, 2018. The requests do not mention still photography, but rather variously request audio and visual recording coverage.
2. Through this motion, Mr. Watts objects to such audio and visual recording of the proceedings.
3. Several pleadings have already laid out the standards by which this court should be guided in deciding whether to allow expanded media coverage.
4. Counsel for Mr. Watts is concerned that expanded media coverage would “create adverse effects that would be greater than those caused by traditional media coverage.” CO. ST. PUB. ACC. REC. Rule 3. Counsel is also concerned that the court allowing such coverage would undermine “the solemnity, decorum, and dignity of the court.” *Id.*
5. This case has been the subject of extensive local, state, and nation-wide coverage. It is clear that traditional reporting is fully able to adequately convey the important facets of this case to the public.
6. Counsel is aware that witnesses may be called to give emotional and difficult testimony and statements concerning the sentence in the case. Counsel fears that the existence of video

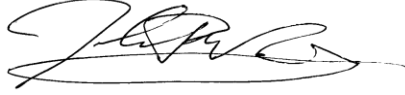
and/or audio broadcasting from the courtroom may cause the witnesses additional undue stress and fear.

7. It is also clear that Mr. Watts' case has drawn substantial public outrage. Broadcasting video from the courtroom can only serve to increase safety risks of those involved in the case, including Mr. Watts.
8. Counsel acknowledges the right of the media to report what happens in this sentencing hearing. Counsel is not objecting to media access to the courtroom, counsel is simply asking the court to not *expand* the rights of the media in this particular case, for this particularly sensitive hearing.
9. Mr. Watts asks this court to consider this motion as a response to all further requests for expanded media coverage, unless a subsequent pleading is filed.

WHEREFORE, Mr. Watts objects to the request for expanded media coverage.

Respectfully submitted,

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