

DISTRICT COURT, ARAPAHOE COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO 7325 S. Potomac St. Centennial, Colorado 80112	▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲
<b>PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO</b>  v.  <b>JAMES EAGAN HOLMES,</b> <b>Defendant</b>	Case No. <b>12CR1522</b>  Division: <b>201</b>
<b>ORDER REGARDING MOTION BY MEDIA PETITIONERS TO          AMEND EMC AND STANDING DECORUM ORDERS (C-194)</b>	

The media petitioners seek to amend Orders C-137 and C-177.<sup>1</sup> Neither party takes a position on the motion. For the reasons articulated in this Order, the motion is largely granted.

First, the Court authorizes the limited use of small platforms and canopies/tents within Area 3.<sup>2</sup> Any scaffolding must be contained within Area 3 and cannot obstruct or encroach on any entrance or exit of the courthouse parking lot.

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<sup>1</sup> The media petitioners are: ABC News; CBS News; CNN; *The Denver Post*; KCEC-TV, Channel 50; KCNC-TV, Channel 4; KDEN-TV, Channel 25; KDVR-TV, Channel 31; KMGH-TV, Channel 7; KUSA-TV, Channel 9; KWGN-TV, Channel 2; and NBC News. The media petitioners are part of “The Aurora Theater Shooting Trial Press Pool”.

<sup>2</sup> All references in this Order to Area 1, Area 2, and Area 3 relate to areas so designated in Attachment A.



Second, the Court grants the media petitioners' request for a canopy and a podium in Area 2. The podium must be removed from Area 2 when the courthouse closes. Due to security concerns, the request for the construction of a small platform or stage in Area 2 is denied.


Third, the Court grants the request for a fixed canopy in Area 2 so that the media petitioners may protect camera equipment from inclement weather and/or direct sunlight.

Fourth, the media petitioners request to lift the restriction that limits their use of photography and video recording to interviews in Area 3. The Court believes that the media petitioners meant to refer to Area 2, not Area 3. To the extent that such is the case, the Court grants the request. However, only Area 2 and Area 3 may be used for interviews.

Finally, the Court is unable to grant in its entirety the request to expand the media/staging area. The requested expansion would reduce the number of parking spots, thereby requiring the maintenance of a shuttle service for the duration of the trial and inconveniencing the users of the courthouse. However, the Court will expand the media/staging area to the southern edge of the parking lot as shown in Attachment A.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April of 2015.

BY THE COURT:



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Carlos A. Samour, Jr.  
District Court Judge

**ATTACHMENT A**

**ORDER C-194**



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 9, 2015 a true and correct copy of the **Order regarding motion by media petitioners to amend EMC and standing decorum orders (C-194)** was served upon the following parties of record:

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