

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LATAH**

STATE OF IDAHO,)
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 Plaintiff,)
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 vs.)
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 BRYAN C. KOHBERGER,)
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 Defendant.)
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Case No. CR29-22-2805

**ORDER RESERVING RULING ON
THE ISSUE OF CAMERAS
IN THE COURTROOM**

On May 1, 2023, a coalition of 20 media outlets¹ (“The Associated Press”) filed a Motion to Intervene and a Motion to Vacate the Amended Nondissemination Order. At a scheduling conference conducted on May 22, 2023, the Court asked the parties and The Associated Press to brief the issue of whether cameras should continue to be allowed in the courtroom during proceedings in this case. Oral argument on the issue was heard on June 9, 2023. The State was represented by William W. Thompson, Jr., and Bradley J. Rudley, Latah County Prosecutor’s Office. Defendant Bryan C. Kohberger (“Kohberger”) was represented by Anne C. Taylor and Jay W. Logsdon, Kootenai County Public Defender’s Office. The Associated Press was represented by Wendy Olson and Cory Carone.

¹ The Associated Press; Radio Television Digital News Association; Sinclair Media of Boise, LLC/KBOI-TV (Boise); States Newsroom dba Idaho Capital Sun; Tegna Inc./KREM (Spokane), KTVB (Boise), and King (Seattle); EastIdahoNews.com; The Lewiston Tribune; Washington State Association of Broadcasters; Idaho Press Club; Idaho Education News; KXLY-TV/4 News Now and KAPP/KVEW-TV-Morgan Murphy Media KXLY-TV/4 News Now; Scripps Media, Inc., dba KIVI-TV, a Delaware corporation; The Spokesman Review/Cowles Company; The New York Times Company; LawNewz, Inc.; ABC, Inc.; WP Company LLC, dba The Washington Post; Society of Professional Journalists; The McClatchy Company, LLC; and the Seattle Times.

Given the high-profile nature of this case, the public's interests in watching what is happening in the courtroom, and Kohberger's fundamental right to a fair trial by an impartial jury, the Court will reserve ruling on the issue of cameras in the courtroom.

The Court is faced with the difficult task of ensuring the proceedings are open to the public while also safeguarding Kohberger's right to a fair trial. The best way to continue to balance those interests is to revisit the issue of cameras in the courtroom as the case unfolds. This Court has the discretion to either allow or disallow video recording of the proceedings. For now, cameras in the courtroom will continue to be allowed. However, that is subject to change by further order of this Court.

DATED this 23rd day of June 2023.


John C. Judge
District Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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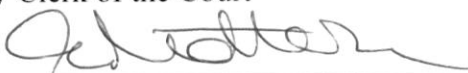
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