

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MADISON**

STATE OF IDAHO,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LORI NORENE VALLOW,

Defendant.

Case No. CR-33-20-0302

**AMENDED ORDER GOVERNING
COURTROOM CONDUCT**

This Order shall govern courtroom conduct and media activities within the courtroom in this matter, as may be amended from time to time.

The Court is mindful of the need to balance (1) the constitutional right of the defendant to a fair hearing; (2) the public's right to know and constitutional and statutory rights of the media to attend the proceedings; and, (3) the court's own interest in maintaining order and an environment which permits all participants to focus on their responsibilities without undue distractions. With those factors in mind, and pursuant to Idaho Court Administrative Rules (ICAR) 45 and 49, the Court orders as follows:

1. COURTROOM SEATING.

- (A) **Seating.** The first and second rows of seats behind the defense table and prosecution table will be reserved for court security and court personnel. The third row of seats immediately behind the prosecution table will be reserved for the grandparents or other relatives of the allegedly missing children. The third row of seats immediately behind the defense table will be reserved for members of the defendant's family.
- (B) **Public and Media Seating.** The public and members of the media shall be permitted in the courtroom as space permits. **No standing in the courtroom will be allowed** except to operate a single television camera and a single still camera as discussed below. Media members shall also be permitted to observe court proceedings via closed circuit television in the designated overflow courtroom, as space permits.
- (C) **Seating in Front of the Bar.** No one other than court personnel designated by the court, the defendant, the attorneys and their assistants shall be permitted to sit in the

chairs in front of the bar and behind counsel table or within the jury box without specific authorization of the court.

- (D) **Entry and Exit During Court Proceedings.** Spectators, including members of the media and the public, shall be seated before court is in session during any portion of a hearing. No entry or re-entry to the courtroom shall be permitted while court is in session.

2. GENERAL RESTRICTIONS.

- (A) **Security Screening.** All persons entering the courtroom are subject to security screening. Handbags, backpacks and other carry-ins are subject to inspection.
- (B) **Cell Phones.** Cell phones are permitted but must be turned off or silenced and may not be used for recording or transmission of sounds or images.
- (C) **Other Electronic Devices.** Members of the media may utilize computers, laptops and other similar devices for the purposes of note taking, but shall not record or transmit sounds or images in or from the courtroom.
- (D) **Disruptive Behavior.** Any activity or behavior which is considered disruptive by the Court will result in removal from the courtroom. Any spectator who creates a visual or auditory disturbance of the court proceedings may be removed from the courtroom and/o the building at any time at the discretion of court security personnel.

3. COURTROOM MEDIA COVERAGE.


- (A) **Television Camera/Still Photographer.** One traditional television camera and one traditional still photographer with a camera will be permitted in the courtroom to be located in an area of the courtroom designated by the Trial Court Administrator or Bailiff. All media shall have access to and share the video, audio, and still photographs received from the two permitted cameras. Members of the media shall designate and agree on the operator of each camera permitted pursuant to ICAR 45. The still camera shall have a silent shutter and no flash photography is allowed. No movement around the courtroom shall be allowed by either camera during court proceedings.
- (B) **Portion of Proceedings Which May be Televised.** Cameras/audio shall not be set up nor disassembled at any time while the Court is in session and shall not be operated during a recess in the court proceeding. "Recess" means any time the judge is not on the

bench. No electronic device shall record the audio and/or video of any bench conference (“side bar”) between the court and counsel, nor any conferences between an attorney and client, or conferences between co-counsel.

- (C) **Restrictions on Video and Photographs.** No video or still photograph shall be taken of any victim, papers, documents, or notes which may be located on counsel’s table or used by counsel.
- (D) **Interviews and Reporting.** No media interviews or reporting shall be conducted in the courtroom.
4. **Media Inquiries.** All communication between the representatives of the media and the Court shall come through the 7th Judicial District Trial Court Administrator – Tammie D. Whyte. The Clerk of the Courts will provide Ms. Whyte’s contact information upon request.
5. **Other Courthouse Areas.** Security officers may quiet or disperse such members of the public or media so they do not hinder other members of the public and court staff from having access to the building and to the Clerk of Courts office and the other courtrooms. Use of electronic devices in areas of the courthouse facility shall further be governed by an Administrative Order dated March 2, 2020, issued by the Administrative District Judge.
6. **Media Access to Court Documents.** The media can be provided with copies of open records document upon request through the Clerk of Court’s office pursuant to Idaho and the Idaho Courts open records laws, subject to any applicable costs/fees. Alternately, the media can access the State of Idaho Cases of Interest website at <https://coi.isc.idaho.gov/> for copies of public records associated with this particular case.
7. **ICAR 45/49.** All other provisions of ICAR 45 & 49 apply and authorization under this Order may be revoked at any time, without prior notice per ICAR 45 & 49.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 3 day of March, 2020.



Faren Z. Eddins
Magistrate Judge