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STATE OF WYOMING    )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF SUBLETTE )

IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

*Administrative Order*

IN RE: MEDIA ACCESS TO CHANGE OF PLEA    )  
      AND SUBSEQUENT SENTENCING         )  
      STATE v. ROBERTS (2025-CR-0001334)    )

**ORDER ON MEDIA ACCESS**

Pursuant to Rule 53 of the Wyoming Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Court exercises its broad discretion on photography, videography, and other recording equipment in the courtroom. In anticipation of the significant public and media interest in the above-captioned proceeding, the Court seeks to promote transparency while adhering to the practical constraints of the available courtroom facilities;

THE COURT THEREFORE ORDERS:

**Appointment of Media Coordinator**

1. The presiding judge hereby appoints Jacob Just, Communications Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts for the Wyoming Judicial Branch, as the media coordinator for all proceedings in this matter, effective immediately. The media coordinator may be contacted at:

Email: [jjust@courts.state.wy.us](mailto:jjust@courts.state.wy.us)

Phone: (307) 777-7718

The media coordinator shall have the following duties and authority:

- a. Process and issue all media credentials for courtroom access;
- b. Serve as the primary point of contact between the Court, media organizations, and the public regarding procedural matters and logistics;
- c. If needed, establish and facilitate the operation of media pool systems and coordinate rotation schedules;

- d. Conduct briefings, as needed, regarding logistical matters, scheduling changes, and procedural issues;
- e. Address and resolve logistical issues and conflicts regarding media access;
- f. Work with courthouse security to ensure smooth and safe media operations;

### **Courtroom Access**

2. The change of plea hearing and subsequent sentencing hearing will be conducted in the Sublette County District Courtroom, located at the Sublette County Courthouse (21 S Tyler Ave, Pinedale, WY), which has a maximum capacity of 80 persons, including court staff, attorneys, and parties. The Court has reserved 20 seats for media outlets for the duration of the trial. Media representatives seeking a seat in the reserved media section must obtain credentials from the media coordinator by submitting an application no later than 5:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time on Tuesday March 3, 2026. Applications shall be submitted on the form provided by the media coordinator. Credentials will be issued by Wednesday, March 4, 2026, to established media outlets, with priority given to ensuring diverse representation across media types (including print, broadcast, digital, and wire services) and audiences served (including local, regional, national, and international outlets). Credentials must always be worn visibly in the courthouse. Credentials are non-transferable and may be revoked for violation of this Order.
3. Due to space limitations, the media coordinator may establish a pool system for credentialed media organizations to access the courtroom, which may include a pool rotation schedule. By applying for credentials, pool members agree to promptly share information with other credentialed media. Any disputes regarding pool arrangements shall be resolved by the media coordinator in consultation with the Court, if necessary.
4. An overflow room with a livestream of the proceedings will be provided to members of the media and the general public at the Sublette County Board of Commissioners room at the Sublette County Courthouse. No credentials will be required to observe the proceedings from the overflow room. The use of photography, videography, and other recording equipment is prohibited in the overflow room.
5. The Court will also stream the proceedings to the general public. Streaming access (audio only) can be found at [www.wyocourts.gov](http://www.wyocourts.gov) then select Courts > District Courts > Live Courtroom Stream > Sublette County, Courtroom 1.

## **Media Conduct and Restrictions**

6. Media representatives and all attendees are prohibited from:
  - a. Bringing electronic devices into the courtroom, including but not limited to cell phones, audio recorders, cameras, computers, and tablets;
  - b. Photography in the courtroom or attempting to photograph jurors outside the courtroom;
  - c. Recording audio or video in the courtroom by any means;
  - d. Creating disruptions or disturbances in the courtroom; and
  - e. Attempting to communicate with witnesses, or parties in or outside the courtroom.
7. Media and public must enter and exit quietly. Once proceedings begin, entry will be permitted only during recesses unless otherwise authorized by the Court.
8. Media may conduct live shots or recorded reports on courthouse grounds in designated areas only, specifically the north lawn of the Sublette County Courthouse along South Tyler Avenue. Members of the media must not obstruct public access or create safety hazards.

## **Document Access and Information**

9. Access to view publicly available case files and court documents is available by visiting a public access terminal, located at each court location around Wyoming, including at the office of the Sublette County Clerk of District Court.
10. Printed or digital copies of publicly available case files and court documents are available for a fee by contacting the Sublette County Clerk of District Court.

This Order shall remain in effect throughout all proceedings in this matter, including a change of plea hearing and subsequent sentencing hearing, and any post-plea motions, unless modified by further order of this Court. Any party or media representative seeking modification of this Order must file a written motion with the Court.

The clerk of district court and the media coordinator shall ensure that copies of this Order are:

- Provided to all credentialed media representatives;
- Made available on the Sublette County and Wyoming Judicial Branch websites;
- Provided to counsel for all parties; and
- Included with all credential application materials.

DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Richard L. Lavery  
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE