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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
WITHIN AND FOR ALBANY COUNTY, WYOMING**

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MEDIA ACCESS TO HEARING	)	Administrative Order
STATE V. RIHANNA KELVER	)	
2026-CR-0009794	)	

ORDER ON MEDIA ACCESS

Pursuant to Rule 804 of the Uniform Rules for District Courts, the Court exercises its broad discretion on photography, videography, and other recording equipment in the courtroom. In anticipation of the continued 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

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. A hearing will be conducted on August 26, 2026 at 2:00 PM in the Albany County District Courtroom, located at the Albany County Courthouse (525 Grand Ave., Laramie, WY), which has a maximum seating availability of 90 persons. The Court has reserved 5 seats for media outlets for the duration of the hearing. Media representatives seeking a seat in the hearing must obtain credentials from the media coordinator by submitting an application no later than 5:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time on Friday, August 21, 2026. Applications shall be submitted on the form provided by the media coordinator. Credentials will be issued by Monday, August 24, 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. The Court will also stream the proceedings to the general public. Streaming access (audio only) can be found at www.wyocourts.gov then select Courts > District Courts > Live Courtroom Stream > Albany County District Court Courtroom. Any person who is listening to the audio of the hearing will not be permitted to stay in the courthouse to listen. This rule is to ensure that any sequestered witnesses do not overhear the audio of the hearing.

Media Conduct and Restrictions

5. 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 witnesses 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, courtroom personnel, or parties in or outside the courtroom.

6. Media and public must enter and exit quietly. Once proceedings begin, entry will be permitted only during recesses unless otherwise authorized by the Court.

7. Media wishing to conduct live shots or recorded reports utilizing stationary equipment may do so on the courthouse property, but not within the building. Photography may be conducted within the building, but not within the courtroom. Members of the media must not obstruct public access or create safety hazards.

Document Access and Information

8. 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 Albany County Clerk of District Court.

9. Printed or digital copies of publicly available case files and court documents are available for a fee by contacting the Albany County Clerk of District Court.

This Order shall remain in effect throughout all proceedings in this matter, including the hearing scheduled for August 26, 2026, 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:

- a. Provided to all credentialed media representatives;
- b. Provided to counsel for all parties; and
- c. Included with all credential application materials.

DATED this 17th day of August, 2026.



Hon. Misha E. Westby
District Court Judge

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