

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
CRIMINAL DIVISION

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

CP-46-CR-3932-2016

VS

WILLIAM HENRY COSBY, JR.

DECORUM ORDER GOVERNING
JURY TRIAL

2017 MAY 18 PM 3:03

CLERK OF COURTS
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA

And now this 18th day of May 2017, after consultation with the District Court Administrator, the Montgomery County Sheriff, local law enforcement and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts the following Order is entered.

The terms of this Order apply to the conduct of the Jury Trial scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. on June 5, 2017 in Courtroom A of the Montgomery County Courthouse, Norristown, PA. A satellite courtroom for the general public and reporters will be located in Courtroom C of the Montgomery County Courthouse, Norristown, PA.

The provisions noted as "Mandatory" shall be applied by the Court and enforced accordingly by its officers and agents. The provisions noted as "Informational" are intended to provide meaningful structure and guidance to those reporters and members of the general public who will be attending the Jury Trial

MANDATORY

1. Counsel, reporters and members of the general public will be admitted to Courtroom A and Courtroom C between 8:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Reporters and members of the general public will not be admitted to Courtroom A or Courtroom C after 9:00 a.m., except as otherwise authorized by the Sheriff.
2. Allocation of Seating in Courtroom A:
 - Members of the general public – 30
 - Reporters – 60
 - For Use of the Commonwealth – 12
 - For Use of the Defense – 12

Allocation of Seating in Courtroom C:

- Members of the general public – 30
- Reporters – 60

3. Credentialing and Reporter Seating in Courtroom A and Courtroom C

Broadcast media: Each electronic broadcasting mass media outlet licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, and which as a large part of its mission is engaged in the reporting of news (including radio, television, and cable networks) will receive one credential for a reporter to enter Courtroom A or Courtroom C to the extent broadcast media reserved seats are available.

Print media: Each print media news organization (a newspaper or magazine in the business of gathering, procuring, compiling, editing or publishing news on a daily or weekly basis and bearing a separate masthead) will receive one credential for a reporter to enter Courtroom A or Courtroom C to the extent print media reserved seats are available.

Digital media: A digital-only media organization (that is an individual or news organization that is in the business of gathering, procuring, compiling, editing or publishing news on a daily or weekly basis and not directly connected to a broadcast media or print media outlet as defined above) will receive one credential for a reporter to enter Courtroom A or Courtroom C to the extent digital media reserved seats are available.

While policies and procedures associated with media access to court proceedings have been developed in cooperation with a committee formed by the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters (PAB) and the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association (PNA), and the Court has delegated the implementation of these policies and procedures to representatives of those organizations, the ultimate authority to supervise the Jury Trial and all associated events, and the application of such policies and procedures rests exclusively with the Court.

Inquiries regarding press credentialing and media arrangements shall be directed to the PAB and PNA. Contact information for the PAB and PNA can be found on the Court's website.

4. Of the seats reserved in Courtroom A for reporters, one seat each will be reserved for The Associated Press – Broadcast, The Associated Press – Print, The Intelligencer, The Legal Intelligencer, The Mercury, The Philadelphia Inquirer, The Philadelphia Daily News, The Times Herald, KYW-1060 radio, NBC10 (WCAU), 6abc (WPVI), CBSPhilly (KYW-TV10/WPSG), Fox29 (WTFX), and WHYI.
5. Reporters may be required to show media identification upon request of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department or Montgomery County Court Staff.
6. No reporter or member of the general public will be permitted to take food or beverages into Courtroom A or Courtroom C.
7. All reporters and members of the general public must be seated before the Jury Trial begins. Those seated in Courtroom A and Courtroom C are expected to remain in their seats until the court either calls a recess or until the session has ended.
8. No person, except those immediately involved in the proceedings and designated court staff, will be permitted beyond the bar of Courtroom A at any time.

9. No one except the parties or their representatives have standing to address the court or speak during the time that Court is in session. Should anyone violate this Order, they will immediately be asked to leave the Courtroom without further notice.
10. No electronic transmission, video recording, sound recording or any other electronic duplication of the proceedings of any type is permitted in Courtroom A or Courtroom C. (See Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure Rule 112 and Pennsylvania Rule of Judicial Administration 1910.)
11. Reporters and members of the general public may carry cell phones or similar devices into Courtroom A or Courtroom C; however, any such device must be turned off (not merely set to vibrate mode) and out of sight at all times. Use of the internet or telephone service for transmitting in any way from Courtroom A or Courtroom C is prohibited. Cell phone cameras are not permitted to be used outside Courtroom A or Courtroom C or in the hallways adjacent to Courtroom A or Courtroom C.
12. Reporters will be permitted to use laptops, tablets or similar devices in Courtroom A and Courtroom C, but solely for the purpose of note-taking. Such devices shall not be used during the Jury Trial for electronic based communications, and shall not be set in a mode that permits transmission of any form of communication to any person or device either in or out of the Courthouse.
13. Any person who violates the provisions of this order regarding the use of electronic devices will be subject to the penalties for contempt of court (including fines or summary incarceration) under any applicable statute, order or rule of court. Any reporter who violates this order, the news organization the reporter represents and any news outlet that rebroadcasts or republishes any account prohibited by this order may also be subject to sanction by the President Judge of Montgomery County.
14. A pool camera operator for video footage and a pool photographer for still photographs will be permitted in two locations inside the Montgomery County Courthouse: (1) immediately outside of Courtroom A and, (2) near the Swede Street entrance to the Courthouse. All other cameras are prohibited inside the Courthouse. The pool camera operators and the pool photographers will be selected by the PAB and PNA.
15. No news media interviews whatsoever shall be conducted in Courtroom A or the immediate vicinity of Courtroom A.
16. Reporters and members of the general public are reminded that any attempt by anyone, without leave of Court, to communicate with a member of the jury panel respecting the case, until the conclusion of the case, may be punished as a criminal contempt of court.
17. Neither Counsel nor the parties shall disclose the names or information regarding any member of the jury panel.
18. The drawings of sketch artists shall not depict the likeness of the faces of any member of the jury panel.

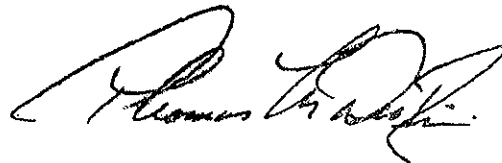
19. A podium will be placed outside the Courthouse in proximity to the entrance to the Courthouse.
20. The Sheriff of Montgomery County or his designee, in consultation with the Court, shall have the authority to make such reasonable rules and regulations as may be required to provide adequate security intended to assure the safety of all those in the Courthouse and on the Courthouse grounds and the orderly conduct of the Jury Trial.

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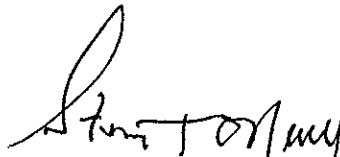
1. The Courthouse public entrances open at 7:30 a.m. All persons entering the Courthouse must pass through security screening.
2. Reserved media parking will be available near the Courthouse beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, 2017. Information regarding the arrangements for such parking will be shared with the media by the PAB and PNA.
3. Additional parking is available near the Courthouse. There are two public garages that charge hourly/daily rates: The Main Street Garage and The Cherry Street Garage.
4. Access to power outlets will not be available in Courtroom A or Courtroom C.
5. All media inquiries should be directed to the Administrative Office of PA Courts (AOPC):

Jim Koval, Communications Manager
Jim.Koval@pacourts.us
Cell phone: 717.319.8341
Office phone: 717.231.3324

BY THE COURT:



Thomas M. DelRicci, P.J.



Steven T. O'Neill, J.

Copies of this Order emailed and mailed on 5/10/17 to the following:
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