## IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CENTRE COUNTY,

PENNSYLVANIA CRIMINAL DIVISION

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

VS. : CP-14-CR-2421-2011 CP-14-CR-2422-2011

GERALD A. SANDUSKY

# DECORUM ORDER GOVERNING THE ARGUMENT AND HEARING ON THE DEFENDANT'S POST-SENTENCE MOTION

## And now this 4th day of January, 2013, it is ordered as follows:

The terms of this order apply to the argument and hearing on the Defendant's post-sentence motion scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. January 10, 2013 in Courtroom 1.

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

Additional information may be available on the Court's website: www.co.centre.pa.us/media

#### MANDATORY

- Court Access: All members of the public and credentialed reporters must enter the courthouse from the front steps. Access from other courthouse entrances will not be permitted, except as authorized by the Sheriff or the District Court Administrator.
- 2. <u>Courtrooms:</u> The hearing will be conducted in Courtroom 1 of the Centre County Courthouse. No Satellite Courtroom will be available.
- 3. <u>Courtroom Access:</u> The Sheriff will make the courtroom accessible to credentialed reporters beginning at 8:30 a.m. and to the general public at 9:00 a.m.

#### 4. Allocation of Seats:

- The Court Administrator shall reserve a sufficient number of seats to accommodate the needs of the prosecution and defense.
- The remainder of the seats shall be divided equally between credentialed reporters and the public.
- c. Any seats not occupied by the public 15 minutes before the start of the proceeding may be offered by the Sheriff to credential reporters still awaiting admittance.
- d. Similarly, any seats not occupied by credentialed reporters 15 minutes before the start of the proceeding may be offered by the Sheriff to members of the public still awaiting admittance.
- e. Of the seats reserved in the courtroom for credentialed reporters, one seat each will be reserved for the <u>Daily Collegian</u>, the <u>Centre Daily Times</u>, the <u>Harrisburg Patriot-News</u>, WJAC-TV, WTAJ-TV and WQWK radio.

## 6. Provisions Regarding Conditions of Admittance:

- a. Members of the public will be admitted to the courtroom on a first come, first served basis. There will be no computerized preregistration or pre-selection.
- b. Each member of the public seeking to be admitted must first present a photo identification. An admission card will then be issued in the person's name. The admission card is not transferrable.
- c. Except during a recess or as otherwise announced by the Court, no one (including credentialed reporters) will be permitted to enter or leave the courtroom until the Court has announced that court is adjourned, except under exigent circumstances and authorized by the Sheriff.
- d. It will be assumed that a person who has been issued an admittance card in the morning and who is not seated 15 minutes before the start of the afternoon session will not be returning, and the Sheriff may admit the next person in line.

### 7. Electronic Devices:

- a. No one attending the proceeding (including credentialed reporters) will be permitted to possess in the courtroom any cell phone, laptop computer, smart phone, or similar electronic device. Anyone possessing such a device will not be permitted to pass security and enter the Courthouse.
- b. The Sheriff will not assume custody or safe keeping of any such devices.
- c. This provision does not apply to those directly involved in the proceeding, including attorneys, agents of the Office of Attorney General, or officers of the Pennsylvania State Police.
- 8. <u>Interviews</u>: No news media interviews whatsoever shall be conducted in the courtroom, or anywhere in the Courthouse, or anywhere in the Courthouse front yard, except in an area specifically designated by the Sheriff.
- 9. Sheriff's Authority: The Sheriff of Centre County, in consultation with the Court, shall have the authority to make such reasonable rules and regulations as may be required to implement this Order and to provide adequate security intended to assure the safety of those in the Courthouse and on the Courthouse grounds, and to assure the orderly conduct of the proceeding. Such regulations may include, among others:
  - a. Prohibiting backpacks, large purses or satchels into the courtroom.
  - b. Prohibiting taking food or beverages into the courtroom.
  - c. Barring any person, except those immediately involved in the proceeding, from passing beyond the bar in the courtroom.
  - d. Enforcing such procedures that will assure an orderly departure of the public and credentialed reporters from the courtroom.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Parking: Parking near the Courthouse is extremely limited. Reporters and members of the public who will be attending the proceeding should allow ample time to find parking and make their way to the Courthouse.
  - a. A map of parking areas in Bellefonte is posted on the Centre County website: <a href="https://www.co.centre.pa.us/media">www.co.centre.pa.us/media</a>

b. All those attending the proceeding are reminded that Pennsylvania law and Bellefonte Borough ordinances prohibit parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, or parking in a manner that prevents an emergency vehicle from travelling on borough streets.

#### MEDIA SPECIFIC INFORMATION

- Credentialing Process: Press credentials will be issued by the Court using a process developed in cooperation with the PAB and PNA.
  - a. To be eligible to receive a court issued press credential, a reporter must first have registered with the Court in accordance with the procedures posted on the court website:

    www.co.centre.pa.us/media
  - b. Broadcast media. Each FCC licensed 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 the courtroom to the extent broadcast media reserved seats are available.
  - c. Print media. Each news organization (that is 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 the courtroom to the extent print media reserved seats are available.
  - d. Digital media. A digital media organization (that is an individual or news organization in the business of gathering, procuring, compiling, editing or publishing news on a daily or weekly basis, and not directly connected to a broadcast or print company) shall receive one credential for a reporter to enter the courtroom to the extent digital media reserved seats are available. Credentials not issued to digital media organizations may be issued to qualifying individuals.

- e. By issuing credentials to media outlets, rather than to individual reporters, it is the intention of the Court that reporters for the media outlet may "swap out" the credential with other reporters employed by the same media outlet.
- f. No reporter shall be permitted by the Sheriff to enter the courtroom without exhibiting <u>both</u> a press credential issued by the reporter's media outlet and a court issued credential issued to the same outlet.
- 2. <u>Pressroom</u>: Because of space limitations, it will not be possible to make a pressroom available in the Courthouse.
- 3. Inquiries:
  - Inquiries regarding press credentialing and media arrangements should be directed to the PAB and PNA.
  - All other media inquiries should be directed to Jim Koval Director of Communications

Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) – <u>jim.koval@pacourts.us</u>.

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By Authority of the Court:

Specially Presiding