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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
MOHAVE COUNTY, STATE OF ARIZONA

VIRLYNN TINNELL  
CLERK SUPERIOR COURT  
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Judge: Lee F. Jantzen  
Division: 4 Courtroom: D  
Court Reporter: Theresa Salsberry

Virlynn Tinnell, Clerk of Superior Court  
By: Lacie Robbins, Deputy Clerk  
Hearing Date: September 30, 2014

STATE OF ARIZONA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JUSTIN JAMES RECTOR,

Defendant.

CASE NO: CR-2014-01193

ORAL ARGUMENTS ON MOTION FOR  
CAMERAS IN THE COURTROOM

START: 9:04 A.M.

**APPEARANCES:** Gregory McPhillips, Deputy County Attorney; Harry Moore, Attorney for and with the Defendant; Monica Limon-Wynn, Attorney for KVVU Fox 5 News appearing telephonically; Doug McMurdo, Reporter for Kingman Daily Miner; Jim Seckler, Reporter for Mohave Daily News.

This is the time set for Oral Arguments on the Motion for Cameras in the Courtroom filed by the Media.

Monica Limon-Wynn presents arguments.

Doug McMurdo presents arguments.

The State presents arguments and opposes the Motion.

Mr. Moore presents arguments and concurs with the State.

Monica Limon-Wynn presents closing arguments.

Doug McMurdo presents closing arguments.

The Court states that it is clear on January 1, 2014 that the Courts have changed their rule on media coverage in the courtroom; the Court has to have a hearing and find certain findings of fact on why having cameras in the Courtroom would damage the fairness of the Trial.

The Court finds that the size of the community is a factor and the size of the Courtroom is a factor.

The Court finds that it would affect the balance of interest on both sides and fairness at Trial; it will affect the ability to get a fair and impartial Jury Panel.

The Court finds the logistics of the Courtroom would make it difficult for the media not to show the Jurors or the Juvenile Witnesses; it would be very difficult to maintain privacy of potential witnesses and families in this matter.

The Court finds that cameras in the Courtroom do affect the dignity of the proceedings.

The Court doesn't believe that the public will benefit by having actual cameras in the Courtroom and it will not outweigh the likelihood of harm arising. The public and media will still have access to the Courtroom to keep up with the proceedings.

**IT IS ORDERED** denying the Media's Request to have both video and still cameras in the Courtroom during these proceedings.

The Court did outline in the Court's Minute Entry on September 15, 2014, the eight things that the Court will allow and the parties may abide by that.

Monica Limon-Wynn requests if the Court's ruling is without prejudice

The Court advises Ms. Limon-Wynn that its ruling is for all future proceedings including the Jury Trial in this matter and is without prejudice.

Mr. Seckler asks if that includes hallways as well.

The Court advises Mr. Seckler that it is up to the Courthouse Security in regards to the Court hallways.

The Court recesses at 9:40 A.M.

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