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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MOHAVE

HONORABLE CHARLES W. GURTNER, JR., JUDGE  
DIVISION I - BULLHEAD CITY  
DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

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COURT ORDER

STATE OF ARIZONA,

Plaintiff,

NO. CR-2014-1193

v.

JUSTIN JAMES RECTOR,

Defendant.

In light of the respective Court Orders of Judge Jantzen, Commissioner Gregory and Judge Conn, this Court has been apprised of numerous concerns arising from the request for media coverage of the arraignment at the courtroom at the Mohave County Jail. Sheriff Jim McCabe has contacted this Court to advise that it is anticipated there will be relatives of the victim, relatives of the Defendant, media personnel, and the general public in attendance. The courtroom in the jail does not have the capacity for the anticipated attendance at this arraignment, let alone the capacity or room for a camera. As such, the Sheriff has concern with respect to the operation of the jail, which pursuant to A.R.S. § 11-441, the Sheriff is responsible for the safety and security of the public and inmates with regard to the jail. Conducting the arraignment at the jail will not be conducive to the secure and safe operation of the jail, let alone, to allow family members of the victim, the Defendant and general population, or any media personnel to be present and witness the arraignment.

This Court, as Presiding Judge, issued an Administrative Order that assigned the in-custody arraignments to Commissioner Gregory. The purpose for the Administrative Order is to help expedite the conduct of arraignments. If media personnel are allowed to bring in cameras, this would disrupt the efficient conduct of the other arraignments on calendar. It would result in relatives of the victim or Defendant, or the general public not being able to view the arraignment.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** vacating the arraignment hearing before Commissioner Kenneth L. Gregory on Friday, September 19, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** setting the arraignment hearing before the Honorable Lee F. Jantzen on Friday, September 19, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. at 401 E. Spring Street, Courtroom D, Kingman, Arizona. The arraignment shall be conducted in Courtroom D at the Mohave County Superior Court Courthouse.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** vacating the hearing on the Request for Media Coverage before Commissioner Kenneth L. Gregory on Thursday, September 18, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Gregory is correct that Rule 122(c)(3), Rules of the Supreme Court, requires the Judicial Officer to hold a hearing if there will be a denial for the request for media coverage.



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**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** setting the Request for Media Coverage before the Honorable Lee F. Jantzen on **Thursday, September 18, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. at 401 E. Spring Street, Courtroom D, Kingman, Arizona.**

Courtroom D is wholly inadequate for the conduct of a high profile matter such as this. As such, should a trial be necessary in this matter, Courtroom F should be available for the conduct of the trial. Courtroom F is the old or ceremonial courtroom, which is much larger in size. It does present other problems such as acoustical problems. However, this is simply one factor that Judge Jantzen will have to consider with respect to the Request for Media Coverage. This Court notes that the media certainly has the advantage of knowing Judge Jantzen's concerns with respect to media coverage in light of Judge Jantzen's Court Order of September 15, 2014, and thus will have an opportunity to address the same at the hearing.

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