

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

DISTRICT COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

Case Type: Felony
Judge Regina M. Chu
Court File No.: 27-CR-21-7460

v.

ORDER ON SENTENCING HEARING

Kimberly Ann Potter,
Defendant.

ORDER

The following procedures will be followed for the sentencing hearing scheduled in the above-captioned matter:

1. **Date.** Sentencing shall be at 9:00 a.m. on February 18, 2022.
2. **Location.** The sentencing will be held in Courtroom C-1856. Access to the 18th floor of the Hennepin County Government Center (HCGC) Courts Tower shall be controlled by the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) and Hennepin County Security. No one shall be permitted on the 18th floor unless approved by the HCSO or the Chief Judge, and then only with approved credentials or identification as required by the HCSO.
3. **A/V Coverage.** The sentencing may be recorded, broadcast, and livestreamed in audio and video subject to the conditions set forth in the attached A/V Order.
4. **Media and Family Members.**
 - a. Two media representatives will be allowed in the courtroom during sentencing. These seats will be allocated by a lottery system. Media members who occupy these seats are permitted to share their notes with a broader media pool if they wish to self-organize such a system for doing so. The media representatives may use

electronic devices to take notes, but will not be allowed to transmit those notes, post on social media, or transmit any other data from the 18th floor.

- b. The Court reserves the right to deny courtroom and 18th floor access to any media member who violates any portion of this order, and/or any other rule that is set by the Hennepin County District Court, Hennepin County, the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, or any other party involved in overseeing HCGC during sentencing.
- c. One TV technician or producer will be allowed in the courtroom to facilitate communication with the presiding judge and other TV personnel involved in the production of the television broadcast. The person present in the courtroom may use a laptop computer to facilitate communication with the Court or other Court TV personnel, but not to capture or transmit images or substantive information from the court proceedings. Other TV personnel involved in the broadcast of sentencing will be allowed in a specified area of the 18th floor near the courtroom to perform production and technical duties.
- d. Three members or friends of the Daunte Wright family may be present in the courtroom during sentencing.
- e. Three family members or friends of Kimberly Potter may be present in the courtroom during sentencing.
- f. Persons in the courtroom shall not leave the courtroom unless there is a break in the proceedings or as otherwise directed by the Court.

5. Media Interactions with Family.

- a. Media representatives assigned to the courtroom or at the HCGC may ask courtroom participants, including any member of the Potter or Wright families, if they would like to speak with them. If the court participant declines, the interaction shall be terminated immediately. If the media representative continues to attempt to interact with the court participant, the court participant is to notify a deputy or security officer that they do not wish to talk to the media representative. The deputy or security officer will ask the media representative to refrain from any further interaction with the court participant. If the media representative continues to attempt to interact with the court participant, the deputy or security officer may ask the media representative to leave the HCGC immediately.
- b. If a court participant is willing to speak to a media representative assigned to the courtroom, the conversation must take place outside of the courtroom in an area designated by the HCSO or Hennepin County Security.
- c. There shall not be any audio or video coverage of interactions with any court participant on the 18th floor. Should audio or video coverage be agreeable to a court participant, the media representative is to arrange an appropriate time and place to conduct an interview.
- d. Any conversations between a courtroom participant and the media representative shall not interfere with the legal proceedings or the security measures designed to ensure the safety of persons in the HCGC.

6. Attorneys and Parties.

- a. The State and the Defense may each have four lawyers or support staff present in the courtroom at any time.
 - b. Parties, attorneys, and support staff shall wear masks and comply with all other COVID-19 prevention measures that are in place. Attorneys and those persons speaking on behalf of the Wright family or Kimberly Potter may remove their masks while at the lectern.
7. All other rules of decorum found in Minn. Gen. R. Prac. 2 shall be followed unless specifically modified by this order or other orders of the presiding judge. The HCSO and court staff are authorized to enforce the rules of decorum.

BY THE COURT:

Dated: February 2, 2022

Regina M. Chu
Judge of District Court