

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

DISTRICT COURT  
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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Paul Wikstrom,

Court File No. 62-CV-24-7378  
Case Type: Civil/Other Misc.  
Judge: Leonardo Castro

Contestant,

v.

Curtis Johnson,

**ORDER TEMPORARILY ALLOWING  
THE USE OF RECORDING BY AUDIO  
OR VIDEO MEANS IN COURTROOM**

Contestee.

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Pursuant to former Chief Judge Leonardo Castro’s May 16, 2024, Amended Administrative Order entitled “Amended Order Establishing Rules Regarding Use of Electronic Devices in Court Facilities,” Rule 4 of the Minnesota Rules of General Practice, and in response to Rule 4.03(a) notices of intent to cover by audio and/or video this court’s scheduled hearing at 1:30 PM on December 5, 2024, this Court makes the following:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Prior to the execution of this Order, the following media outlets filed written notices of intent to cover the scheduled hearing in the above-captioned matter by video and/or audio means:
  - a. Minnesota Public Radio (MPR) News c/o Matt Sepic.
2. Notice to all parties was properly given and the Court considers the notices of intent and the notice to parties to be timely.

3. The parties filing notices of intent complied with all applicable rules and orders governing the use of recording devices during a scheduled civil hearing.
4. The parties have not filed objections to the request.

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. Video and audio recording will be allowed in Courtroom 1360 of the Ramsey County Courthouse during the hearing scheduled to take place in the above-captioned matter on December 5, 2024, at 1:30 PM.
2. Pursuant to Rule 4.04(a) of the Minnesota Rules of General Practice, only one video camera and one separate audio recording will be permitted in the courtroom. Pooling arrangements shall be the sole responsibility of the media. All media outlets that have filed timely written notices of intent to cover by video or audio means shall be entitled to access the pool coverage.
3. This order only permits video and audio recording. Any live broadcast or live streaming of the proceedings is prohibited. Taking any video of spectators in the courtroom is also prohibited.
4. The courtroom will be open for set up at 12:15 P.M., and all equipment must be in place by 1:15 PM.
5. Filming/recording must be completed and all camera and audio equipment removed from Courtroom 1360 immediately following the conclusion of the hearing.
6. No video photography, still photography, or video or audio recording may be conducted in any other Ramsey County Courthouse location where the use of recording devices is otherwise prohibited by the “Amended Order Establishing Rules

Regarding Use of Electronic Devices in Court Facilities.”

7. From and after the time this Order is filed, any further notices of intent to cover the December 5, 2024 district court proceeding by either audio or video means are untimely. However, this Order does not prohibit the media outlets covered by this Order from sharing their video or audio files with other interested media outlets without court involvement. *Cf.* Minn. R. Gen. Prac. 4.04(4).
8. This Order only permits video and audio recording during the above-captioned hearing on December 5, 2024. Any future requests must comply with Rule 4 of the Minnesota Rules of General Practice.

BY THE COURT:

Dated: December 3, 2024

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Leonardo Castro  
Judge of District Court