STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT

COUNTIES OF ANOKA, CHISAGO, ISANTI, KANABEC, PINE, SHERBURNE, WASHINGTON, WRIGHT

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ORDER PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND RESTRICTING USE OF CAMERAS, LIVE STREAMING, AND CAPTURING OF AUDIO/VISUAL RECORDINGS

WHEREAS, <u>possession of a firearm</u> in a courthouse complex is <u>prohibited</u> pursuant to Minnesota Statute 609.66, subd1(g)(a)(1). A person found to be in possession of a firearm in a courthouse complex may be charged with a felony;

WHEREAS, Rule 4 of the General Rules of Practice for District Courts, <u>prohibits visual or audio recordings</u> including video, film and still photography (Minn. R. Gen. Prac. Rule 4.01);

WHEREAS, Rule 4 also provides exceptions to this prohibition on audio/visual recordings, including the official recording of the proceeding by court staff, and sets forth specific rules concerning the use of cameras for court security purposes, and the use of interactive video during hearings pursuant to rule or order of the Supreme Court;

WHEREAS, Rule 4.02 also provides that a judge may authorize the use of electronic or photographic presentation; broadcasting, televising, recording or photographing during ceremonial proceedings; visual or audio recording during civil proceedings subject to the limitations set forth in the rule; and visual or audio recording in criminal proceedings with certain limitations (Minn. R. Gen. Prac. Rule 4.02); and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. All persons, except as provided in #2 below, in the courthouse complex are prohibited from having firearms on their person or in their possession, including those who have a permit under Minnesota Statues § 624.714.
- 2. The prohibition on possession of firearms in the courthouse complex does not apply to a licensed peace officer, or federally authorized law enforcement agent, in the course of their official duties with their badge conspicuously displayed.
 - 3. No visual or audio recordings or photography shall occur in the Anoka County

Courthouse Complex, except as authorized by Rule 4 of the Minnesota Rules of General Practice or authorized by a District Court Judge as provided for in Rule 4. Non-court spaces such as the interior of the Department of Corrections office and the interior of the Anoka County Sheriff's Office is not covered by this Order. The Court Administrator shall direct any requests for an exception to this Order to the appropriate judge.

4. The attached illustration, designating the areas of the Courthouse Complex within this courthouse or court facility in the Tenth Judicial District, is hereby made a part of this Order.

DATED: April 1, 2024 BY:

Stoney Hiljus Tenth Judicial District Chief Judge



