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**Media Advisory – For Planning Purposes Only
Wednesday, September 13, 2007
State of Minnesota v. Larry Edwin Craig
Hearing on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 in Edina, MN**

A hearing on the motion *State of Minnesota v. Larry Edwin Craig* is scheduled on September 26, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 227 at 7009 York Avenue South, Edina, MN 55435. Fourth Judicial District Judge Charles A. Porter will preside over the hearing.

The hearing on the motion is expected to last thirty to sixty minutes. Additional information about the hearing will be distributed to the media by District Court Public Affairs as it is available.

Following is information to facilitate media coverage of the hearing:

Credentials: Media must present credentials issued by their media organizations or local law enforcement agency to gain access to the media area and/or seats in the reserved media section of the courtroom on the second floor of the Southdale Courthouse. Please identify yourself to designated court staff. In order to receive updates and calls from the Court regarding proceedings, progress and starting times, you must provide us with your primary phone number, fax number and email address.

Media space: A covered area for media is available in the parking lot. Media, visitors and spectators in the courtroom will not be free to come and go pursuant to the rules of decorum, which will be set by Judge Porter at the opening of the hearing. Please contact Nancy Peters or Kyle Christopherson as soon as possible with your plans for coverage, attendance and with your contact information in order to secure courtroom seating or satellite truck space, which is limited, and to receive updates about the hearing.

Security: All reporters and visitors will be required to use the public entrance to the courthouse.

Memorandum of Understanding: Governing the Usage of Cameras and Recording Devices in Fourth Judicial District Court Facilities: No video or still cameras or cell phones will be allowed to cover the hearing. Broadcast media may do on-camera stand-ups outside the courthouse in the designated area of the parking lot.

Photo opportunity: Media will be allowed to take photos and video of the empty courtroom prior to the hearing on the motion on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will not be another opportunity for courtroom photos.

Interviews: According to the Code of Judicial Conduct, Canon 3 (A)(8): “A judge shall not, while a proceeding is pending or impending in any court, make any public comment that might reasonably be expected to affect its outcome or impair its fairness or make any nonpublic comment that might substantially interfere with a fair trial or hearing. The judge shall require similar abstention on the part of court personnel subject to the judge’s discretion and control.” Therefore, Judge Porter cannot comment on the hearing and will not be available for interviews and the media shall not contact the judge’s chambers directly. The communications specialist is designated to provide logistical and procedural information to reporters. Reporters may contact the attorneys in the cases about substantive matters at issue regarding the hearing on the motion, for interpretation or comment on day-to-day events.

Transcript Copies: It is anticipated that copies of the official transcript will be available around 4:30 p.m. at the Southdale Courthouse.

Persons interested in the purchase of a copy of the transcript may contact Judge Porter’s official court reporter, Jodi Hoffarth, at 612-348-8151. The cost per copy (paper or fax) of the transcript is \$200.00. Check or cash prepayment is required.

Parking: Parking is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. No special accommodations can be made for reporters’ parking. Please note that there is road construction on 69th Street. No parking is allowed on the public streets adjacent to the courthouse. It is anticipated that a reserved parking area will be established for oversized vehicles.

About the State of Minnesota’s Fourth Judicial District

The State of Minnesota’s Fourth Judicial District serves only Hennepin County and is the state’s largest trial court with more than 750,000 cases received annually. The mission of the Fourth Judicial District is to provide a system of justice that assures equal access for the fair and timely resolution of cases and controversies. For more information, visit the website at www.mncourts.gov/district/4/.