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STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

HENH. CO. DISTRICT  
COURT ADMINISTRATOR

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

v.

Larry Edwin Craig,

Defendant.

**ORDER**

27 CR 07-043231

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IT IS ORDERED:

1. The purpose of this Order is to ensure that the hearing on the defendant's motion to withdraw his plea ("the hearing") in the above-entitled matter will be conducted in an orderly manner consistent with Minnesota law and Hennepin County District Court procedure.
2. Parking:
  - a. Parking is only allowed in designated areas, and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Vehicles that would take up more than one parking space, i.e., media vans, shall park in the area specifically designated.
3. The courtroom will officially open for the afternoon session at 12:45 p.m.
4. Prohibited items:
  - a. Electronic communication and recording devices, including but not limited to cell phones, pagers, computers, still cameras, video cameras, electronic voice recorders etc., are prohibited from the second floor of the 7009 York Avenue Southdale Courthouse except as specifically allowed in item 7(a) below. All photographic, video, and audio recording or transmission of the hearing is prohibited.
  - b. Weapons, including anything that could reasonably be construed as a weapon, are prohibited from the courthouse. The only exception to this

rule is that security officials are permitted to carry appropriate security equipment.

5. Security:

- a. Hennepin County Security and Property Services, with the assistance of the City of Edina Police Department, will be in charge of courthouse security for the hearing. The Hennepin County Sheriff's Department will be in charge of security for the courtroom at the hearing.
- b. All persons entering the courtroom will be subject to search by security officials. Search methods may include scanning with a metal detector and/or pat-down searches of the person. Personal possessions will also be subject to search. Anyone refusing to be searched will be denied access to the courtroom.
- c. Do not attempt to bring prohibited items into the courtroom. Prohibited items will be confiscated by security and will not be returned to the individual or entity from which it was confiscated.

6. Seating:

- a. Counsel tables shall be used by counsel and clients only.
- b. The courtroom has 78 seats for spectators.
- c. The media will be allowed to enter the courtroom first. A portion of the audience seats will be designated as reserved for members of the media. The forward row of the media section, to the extent necessary, will be reserved for sketch artists. Seating will be on a first come, first served basis. Specific seats cannot be reserved. Unoccupied seats in this area will be available to the general public.
- d. The general public will be allowed to enter the courtroom once the media section is either filled or satisfied. A portion of the audience seats will be designated as reserved for members of the general public. Seating will be on a first come, first served basis. Specific seats cannot be reserved.
- e. The front row of six seats to the left of the aisle facing the bench will be reserved for sketch artists. Rows 2, 3, and 4 to the left of the aisle facing the bench, behind the sketch artists, will be reserved for general public seating. The remaining seats will be reserved for approved members of the media. All seating within the reserved sections will be on a first come, first served basis. Specific seats cannot be reserved.

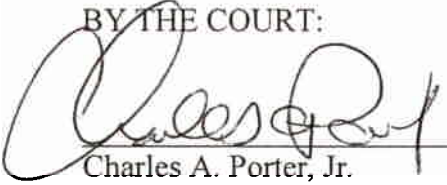
- f. Attendance in the courtroom will be limited to the number of seats available in the audience section of the courtroom. No standing by spectators is allowed while the hearing is in session.
- g. Anyone who leaves the courtroom while the hearing is in session will not be readmitted while the hearing is in session.

7. Media:

- a. The media is prohibited from using video or audio recording devices in the courtroom. However, the media will be allowed to take photos and video of the empty courtroom on September 26, 2007 from 12:00 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. This will be the only opportunity for taking photos and video of the courtroom. Media intending to enter the empty courtroom during this time must register with Nancy Peters, Hennepin County District Court Public Affairs, at (612) 348-5022 no later than noon on Monday, September 24, 2007.
  - b. Each member of the media shall present an official identification credential issued by his or her organization to qualify for the reserved media seating in the courtroom. Members of the media who do not have appropriate identification will be deemed “general public” for admission and seating purposes.
  - c. Minnesota Code of Judicial Conduct, Canon 3(A)(8) provides, in relevant part, the following: “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.” Accordingly, the media is asked not to contact Judge Porter or his staff directly about any aspect of this case. Judge Porter and his staff will not comment on this case except by official written Order on the merits of the motion, which will be issued within a reasonable time after the hearing date.
  - d. All inquiries in this matter shall be directed to Nancy Peters, Hennepin County District Court Public Affairs, at (612) 348-5022.
8. Conversations or gestures that might disrupt the hearing or distract the court, counsel, or the defendant, are prohibited.

9. The courtroom door will be closed immediately prior to the commencement of the hearing. At that time, anyone who has left their seat and exited the courtroom will be deemed to have forfeited their admission and will not be allowed to re-enter the courtroom. The hearing will not be transmitted to a remote location for additional spectator viewing or listening.
10. Any violation of any part of this Order may result in the imposition of contempt sanctions against the violator and/or the violator's employer or principal.

Dated: Sept 13, 2007

BY THE COURT:  
  
Charles A. Porter, Jr.  
Judge of District Court