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DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF CARVER

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PROBATE DIVISION

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CARVER COUNTY COURTS

Court File No. 10-PR-16-46

In Re the Estate of:

Prince Rogers Nelson,

ORDER REGARDING MAY 2, 2016**HEARING AND FUTURE HEARINGS**

Decedent.

The above-entitled matter came before the Court on April 27, 2016, pursuant to the Petition for Formal Appointment of Special Administrator, signed by Petitioner Tyka Nelson. The matter was heard informally via conference call on an emergency basis because not all interested parties could be notified of the Petition. Two of the Decedent's siblings were able to participate in the conference call. At the conclusion of the conference call, the matter was set for a formal hearing on the Petition for the Appointment of a Special Administrator on May 2, 2016 at 8:30 am. As of the conference call on April 27, 2016, several individuals identified in the Petition as heirs had not been notified of these proceedings and the hearing scheduled for May 2, 2016.

Purpose of the hearing: A Petition has been filed for the Formal Appointment of a Special Administrator and the Court has granted that Petition on an emergency basis. Not all of those persons identified as potential heirs of the estate could be notified of the emergency hearing. The hearing scheduled for May 2, 2016 is for the purpose of the Court identifying the potential heirs of the estate so that they have an opportunity to be heard, receiving additional information about the propriety of appointing a special administrator, determining whether the proposed special administrator should be appointed, and whether the Court should confirm its Order of April 27, 2016.

Audio or video recording equipment in the Courtroom: Several media outlets have requested permission to have audio or video recording equipment in the courtroom pursuant to Rule 4 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice for the District Courts.

The general rule regarding the allowance of audio or video recording equipment in courtrooms in the Minnesota District Courts is set forth in Rule 4.01 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice for the District Courts:

Rule 4.01 General Rule. Except as set forth in this rule, no pictures or voice recordings, except the recording made as the official court record, shall be taken in any courtroom, area of a courthouse where courtrooms are located, or other area designated by order of the chief judge made available in the office of the court administrator in the county, during a trial or hearing, or in connection with any kind of grand jury proceeding.

Rule 4.03 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice for the District Courts governs the use of audio or video recording equipment in the courtroom during civil proceedings. It provides that, unless the notice requirement is waived by the judge, the media shall provide the Court, counsel and the parties with notice of their request to have audio or video recording equipment in the courtroom at least 10 days before the commencement of the proceeding. Rule 4.03 provides the parties the opportunity to object to the audio or video recording of a proceeding. After considering the objections of the parties, if any, the presiding judge then has the discretion to allow or disallow the use of audio or video recording equipment in the courtroom.

Attendance of the media or the public at any hearing in these proceedings. Carver County has limited space for the media and the public to attend hearings in the Judicial Center. Space in the courtroom will first be made available to the parties and their legal counsel. The Court may provide space to other persons necessary for properly conducting a hearing. Additional space in the courtroom shall be made available to members of the media or the public on a first-come, first-serve basis unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Audio or video recording equipment shall not be allowed the courtroom for the hearing scheduled for May 2, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. The Court specifically concludes that several of the potential heirs have not, to the Court's knowledge, been located or served with the Petition. This effort is ongoing. The media is unable to give the Court 10 days' notice of their request to use audio or video recording equipment in the courtroom, and the Court has not been able to give all parties who may be appearing the opportunity to state any objection to the recording of the proceedings. No audio or video recording equipment shall be allowed in any area of the courthouse where courtrooms are located unless permitted by the Carver County Sheriff's Department, the State Court Administrator's Court Administration Office, or the Carver County Court Administrator.
2. The Court reserves ruling on the allowance of audio or video recording equipment in the courtroom for future hearings that may be scheduled in this proceeding.
3. All electronic devices in the courtroom such as phones, tablets or laptops shall be powered off and shall not be set to silent mode. Any violation of this Order shall result in the confiscation of the electronic device. All electronic devices shall be stored in a pocket, a purse, a brief case, or other bag or case, if possible.
4. Members of the media and of the public shall be allowed to attend the court hearing scheduled for May 2, 2016 at 8:30 a.m., and future hearings in this proceeding unless otherwise determined by the Court. Attendance shall be conditioned upon the members of the media and of the public following the direction of the Carver County Sheriff's

Department regarding waiting in designated areas, using audio or video recording devices as directed by the Sheriff and the Court, submission to required entrance screening or other lawful directives.

Date: April 28, 2016

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin W. Eide", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Kevin W. Eide

Judge of District Court