

State of Kansas vs. Dennis L. Rader
Media Access Guidelines
Case Number 05CR498

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Arraignment for defendant Dennis L. Rader is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at 9:00am in courtroom 7-1 at the Sedgwick County Courthouse.

To facilitate planning, media planning to cover the arraignment are asked to notify Kirk Longhofer, District Court Media Coordinator, of your plans AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Please E-mail kdl@newsconnect.com with your intentions.

Television stations and networks requiring parking for satellite trucks should contact Kirk Longhofer by E-mail as soon as possible.

Please notify Kirk Longhofer by E-mail if you desire a seat in the courtroom for the hearing. Seat assignments will be made on Monday.

All media guidelines in effect for Mr. Rader's previous court appearances are still in effect. If you have provided names and DOB's for personnel to be involved it is NOT necessary to provide them again.

Electronic media will be setting up equipment on Friday, April 29th. Please coordinate activities with Joe Baughman (316-660-9888) and Rodney Horton (316-660-9888).

Pool video and still cameras have been previously designated.

CNN is designated distribution and uplink pool for the arraignment. NOTE: IF ANYONE has access to audio/video DA mult boxes... please contact Kirk Longhofer IMMEDIATELY.

A copy of previously issued guidelines is included below. Thank you.

By order of the trial judge, the following are guidelines for regulating media access for all proceedings involving the State of Kansas vs. Dennis L. Rader.

1. The 18th Judicial District is committed to open courts, and free access for the media. The following guidelines are in place to assure that the media is given the access it needs to complete its function in a democratic society, while balancing the rights of the defendant, and recognizing that the ongoing business of the courts, the District Attorney and Sedgwick County cannot be compromised.
2. All proceedings in the case of the State of Kansas vs. Dennis L. Rader will be held in courtroom 7-1 of the Sedgwick County courthouse.

3. All seating in the courtroom will be assigned. The media will be provided with 12 seats on a daily basis. District Court Media Coordinator Kirk Longhofer will have sole discretion to assign media seating.
4. The following media outlets will receive permanent seats for the duration of the case.

KAKE TV
KSNW TV
KWCH TV
KFDI Radio
The Associated Press
The Wichita Eagle

5. The six remaining seats will be assigned by lottery to media outlets on a daily basis. A court pass will be required for access to courtroom seating. Passes will be available in the media room on the 7th floor of the courthouse each morning for the days session. Passes for lottery seating MUST be turned in at the end of the court session, for use the next day.
6. Entry and exit to the courtroom by the media will be limited to regular breaks only. Reporters MAY NOT exit the courtroom while court is in session. Reporters not in their seats when the court begins its session will not be allowed entry.
7. Additional media overflow seating and workspace will be available. Local media overflow will be set up in the library of Courtroom 7-2. National media overflow seating will be set up in the library of Courtroom 6-1. The media is responsible for providing cabling and equipment for distribution of audio and video feeds from the courtroom. Access to overflow areas will be controlled. Media outlets should fax a request for credentials 316-685-3354. Requests for credential should be on station or network letterhead. The request should include the name of each individual requesting access, along with their date of birth.
8. The use of cameras and recording devices in the courtroom are governed by Kansas Supreme Court Rule 1001, as well as additional local procedures. Local procedure, as well as the text of Rule 1001 are available at:

<http://www.newsconnect.com/cic/local.pdf>
9. KAKE, KSNW and KWCH television will rotate in providing staffing for the courtroom video camera for ALL proceedings.
10. The Wichita Eagle is designated as pool still camera for ALL proceedings.

11. As provided in Rule 1001, no photography or recording is permitted in hallways on court floors, including the seventh floor. No cameras should be shouldered on the 7th floor. In addition, by order of the trial judge, no media contact may be made with witnesses on the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th or 11th floor of the Sedgwick County Courthouse.
12. Limited parking for satellite and microwave trucks is available to the east and south of the courthouse. Kirk Longhofer, District Court Media Coordinator, will have authority to assign parking for all satellite and microwave trucks. PLEASE NOTE: All other vehicles must be parked in designated spaces, or in the parking garage to the north of the courthouse. Curb cut parking is for transmission trucks ONLY.
13. An area to the south of the courthouse front patio will be cordoned for the media's use only. Ingress and egress from the courthouse shall not be impeded by media. No other locations on the patio area may be used. No structures, platforms, tents or canopies may be erected or installed on the courthouse lawn. Foot traffic on turf should be limited to prevent damage. Cabling should be routed carefully, so as not to present a trip hazard or obstruction. The Sedgwick County Courthouse Facilities Office will coordinate all cabling.

Please monitor your Associate Press wire for additional advisories regarding the trial. Questions regarding these procedures may be directed to Kirk Longhofer, District Court Media Coordinator at (316) 992-0464.