

IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO
CRIMINAL DIVISION

STATE OF OHIO,

CASE NO.: 2024 CR 03226

Plaintiff(s),

JUDGE STEVEN K. DANKOF

-VS-

JONATHAN ERIC LINK,

**ORDER GRANTING STATE'S REQUEST
FOR JURY VIEW**

Defendant(s).

This matter is before the Court on the State's November 19, 2025 Request for Jury View of the exterior and interior of 4516 Far Hills Avenue ("the Residence"), pursuant to R.C. 2945.16, to assist the jurors in understanding the testimony of witnesses who will discuss specific details concerning the outside and inside of the Residence. The Defense opposes the State's request, essentially arguing that the proposed jury view will unfairly bolster or emphasize, *somehow*, the testimony of the victim's daughters, Alexandra Walker and Ambree Johnson.

R.C. 2945.16 governing jury views provides the following:

When it is proper for the jurors to have a view of the place at which a material fact occurred, the trial court may order them to be conducted in a body, under the charge of the sheriff or other officer, to such place, which shall be shown to them by a person designated by the court. While the jurors are absent on such view no person other than such officer and such person so appointed, shall speak to them on any subject connected with the trial. The accused has the right to attend such view by the jury, but may waive this right.

Certainly, a court's ruling on a request for a jury view is reviewed for an abuse of discretion.¹ Here, the Court finds that a jury view will aid the jury in better understanding testimony regarding the Residence and the juxtaposition and/or proximity of its various rooms, etc.

¹ *State v. Hughkeith*, 2013-Ohio-1217, ¶ 35 (8th Dist.), citing *Mayfield Hts. v. Barry*, 2003-Ohio-4403, ¶ 27 (8th Dist.).

As such, the Court **GRANTS** the State's jury view request and orders that the cost of such will be taxed as other costs in the case as required by R.C. 2945.16.

SO ORDERED:

JUDGE STEVEN K. DANKOF

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