

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,

Defendant(s).

**ORDER REGARDING MEDIA  
RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS**

Upon written request by Brooke Jones of WHIO-TV<sup>1</sup>, Jen Balduf of the Dayton Daily News<sup>2</sup>, Dana Blaine of WDTN<sup>3</sup>, and any other media outlets subsequently filing any similar requests, to “broadcast, photograph, record and/or televise” proceedings herein during ***OPEN*** court, the Court hereby **ORDERS** as follows:

***No media personnel may broadcast, photograph, record, televise, or video any juror at any time. NO EXCEPTIONS.***

***No media personnel may broadcast, photograph, record, televise or video any witness before*** being advised by Counsel for the Party calling said witness that the witness has no objection to being broadcast, photographed, recorded, televised, or videoed.

***“Pooling” of equipment is required for all proceedings*** and such arrangements are the responsibility of those requesting permission to broadcast, photograph, record, televise or video any proceeding. “Pooling” arrangements are to be made outside the courtroom and without imposing on the judge or court personnel. If disputes arise over arrangements between or among media representatives, the Court may, as justice requires, exclude all contesting representatives from the proceedings.

<sup>1</sup> Seeking to broadcast, televise, record, and photograph.

<sup>2</sup> Seeking to record and photograph.

<sup>3</sup> Seeking to broadcast, televise, record, and photograph on December 9, 2025.

***Only one video camera will be permitted in the Courtroom*** and all media will share the footage from the same. Any electronic, photographic and/or video equipment producing distracting sound or light ***is prohibited.***

Only one videographer may be present at any particular time. Each media outlet may have one reporter present to take handwritten notes. ***No media personnel may occupy the first row of pews behind the rail.***

This Order may be modified at any time the Court deems necessary. Any requirements of Sup. R. 12 and Mont. Co. C.P.R. 11.01-11.04 not specifically mentioned in this Order also apply.

**If any media personnel fail to comply with this Order, Sup. R. 12, and/or Mont. Co. C.P.R. 11.01-11.04, the Court will revoke their authorization to attend and/or record the proceedings.**

SO ORDERED:

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JUDGE STEVEN K. DANKOF

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