

**MEDIA/SPECTATOR GUIDELINES FOR THE 52ND DISTRICT COURT
CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS**

1. The Courtroom and ALL floors of the Coryell County Courthouse and the stairways to and from those floors are designed as security areas and shall be referred to as the “security area”.
2. The possession or use of dangerous weapons, binoculars, cameras, recording equipment, or any type of electronic equipment, except as specifically authorized by this Court is strictly prohibited in the security area. No Cellular phones are allowed to be on or used inside the Courtroom while the trial is being conducted and are subject to confiscation if used in violation of this order.
3. No one but authorized Court personnel will be allowed in the security area during jury selection. After jury selection and before actual court commences all media will be allowed to enter the Courtroom for pictures and filming of the Courtroom itself.
4. The broadcasting or “showing” of any type of film, video tape or picture, or broadcasting of any recording or pictures of these proceedings made in violation of the foregoing restrictions is prohibited.
5. No interviews shall be conducted inside the Security Area at any time.
6. The only persons authorized to be inside of the railing in the Courtroom while the trial is being conducted are the defendant, his attorneys and staff, the prosecutor and his staff, bailiff and other law enforcement, Court employees, witnesses, jurors and others specifically allowed by the court.
7. All persons in the security areas shall conduct themselves in an orderly and quiet manner.
8. At all recesses and adjournments, and any other time the jury is retiring from the Courtroom, spectators shall remain in the courtroom until the jury and the defendant, if allowed, have had ample time to withdraw and the spectators have been given permission to disperse.
9. **Jurors and witnesses** shall not be contacted or approached except by authorized Court personnel and shall not be photographed. No personal information concerning jurors, including but not limited to home address, telephone number and other confidential information acquired during jury selection may not be released or published except as provided by Art. 35.29 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.
10. No one except attorneys of record, Court personnel, witnesses and jurors may examine or handle exhibits except by order of the Court.
11. Entrance ways and corridors of the Courthouse are to be kept clear at all times.
12. There will be a designated “press row” for all media to be seated in during the trial.