

**Protocol for News Media and Spectators Attending
Trial of State v. Eric Greitens, 1822-CR00642
Division 10, Civil Courts Building**

Until the conclusion of jury selection, there will be limited seating space available inside the courtroom for journalists or spectators. No standing will be allowed while the court is in session.

News Media

During the trial, three rows in the courtroom will be reserved for working journalists. Each row will accommodate eight persons. No more than one journalist for each media outlet will be allowed in the reserved area. Per court instructions, one of those rows will be dedicated to local news media who have been covering pretrial matters since the filing of charges.

Seats for sixteen additional journalists will be made available through a lottery system 30 minutes before the beginning of trial each day. The lottery will be held in the First Floor Lobby of the Civil Courts Building. One journalist per outlet will be allowed to enter the lottery. Journalists should provide identification associating them with their news organization.

Use of electronic devices is prohibited during the trial, including smart phones, laptops, digital recorders, etc.

Sheriff's deputies will strictly limit entry and exit from the courtroom while trial is in session.

An overflow room with a closed-circuit audio and video feed from the trial will be provided in Div. 13, across the hall from Div. 10. Journalists who entered the lottery but were not chosen in the drawing will receive priority admission to the overflow room.

Laptops and smart phones with silent operations will be permitted in the overflow room. However, all photography, video or audio recording of the closed-circuit feed is prohibited. Talking on smart phones or in person will be prohibited in the overflow room during the trial.

No sketch artists will be permitted in the trial, but there will be limited seats for them in the overflow room.

The court will allow still photography in the courtroom only during the first 10 minutes of the first day of the actual trial. The court-appointed media coordinator, Bill McCormac (bill.mccormac@kmov.com), will select a pool photographer and arrange sharing of photos from that photographer with media.

Inquiries about parking satellite trucks should be directed to Sheriff Vernon Betts, 314-622-4131.

Spectators

Deputies will set up an admissions desk outside the 7th-floor courtroom and will restrict entry and exit during trial.

Approximately 50-60 seats in the courtroom will be available for spectators, who will be admitted on a first come, first served basis. Sheriff's deputies will organize a line for spectators of the trial at the Civil Courts Building, which opens to the public at 8:30 a.m. daily. Space permitting, deputies may allow some spectators to enter the media overflow room.