

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

DISTRICT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CRIMINAL COURT

State of Minnesota,

Court File Number: 62-CR-16-8110

Plaintiff,

**ORDER 1 –
CONDUCT AT HEARINGS**

vs.

Jeronimo Yanez,

Defendant.

Assigned Judge: William H. Leary III

As with all criminal proceedings, it is the responsibility of the courts to provide a fair and open process that recognizes the responsibility of the State, the rights of Defendant, and the public interest. Consistent with that responsibility is the further responsibility to provide safe and secure facilities for those in attendance. For those reasons, this court issues the following order as to the above-captioned matter.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. This order pertains to members of the public and media attending public hearings in this matter and subject to further orders of this court. References to the “government building” and “building” are to the St. Paul City Hall and Ramsey County Courthouse.
2. Hearings shall begin promptly. Persons arriving on the building floor after the time scheduled to commence a hearing shall be directed to leave the floor.

3. Courtroom attendance shall be limited to the seating available in the courtroom to be assigned. Standing room shall not be allowed. If the seated courtroom capacity has been filled, then any additional persons will be directed to leave the floor.

4. A request to accommodate attendance by immediate family members or friends of Decedent Philando Castile or Defendant Jeronimo Yanez shall be made through counsel for the respective parties no less than 24 hours prior to a hearing. Counsel shall direct the request to the undersigned or his designee. Any person who cannot be accommodated by such a request may still attend a hearing as a member of the general public and as courtroom space allows.

5. No one shall be permitted to leave a hearing prior to recess without the prior authorization of the court.

6. At the assigned time for the commencement of a hearing, the area outside of the courtroom on the assigned floor shall be cleared of all persons other than law-enforcement personnel.

7. Courtroom attendees shall not wear or carry signs, buttons, articles of clothing or attire, or engage in other forms of expression that refer to or call attention to this matter, the Decedent, parties or witnesses.

8. Courtroom attendees shall not make any facial expression, gesture, utterance, or change of demeanor that conveys any opinion or belief in response to a statement of a party or witness, argument or statement of counsel, or ruling of the court.

9. No courtroom attendee shall receive, transmit or record information by any means in the courtroom, or in the other areas of floor where the courtroom is located, without the prior authorization of the court. All persons shall also follow the Second

Judicial District's standing order, bench policy, and Rule 4 of the General Rules of Practice regarding recording, receiving, and transmitting devices.

10. Blocking of or loitering in walkways, doorways, staircases, or near elevator access shall not be permitted in any part of the government building.

11. A violation of this order may result in sanctions, including but not limited to, the confiscation of property, removal from the courtroom or government building, and/or arrest.

February 13, 2017

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. H. Leary III". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

William H. Leary III
Judge of District Court