

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**Reverent Tim Christopher, Sarah
Cade Hauptman and the Minnesota
Gun Owners Caucus,**

Plaintiffs,

vs.

**ORDER REGARDING AUDIO/VIDEO
COVERAGE OF TEMP. INJ. HEARING**

Court File No. 62-CV-21-4223

**Ramsey County, Bob Fletcher, in his
official capacity as Ramsey County
Sheriff, and the State Agricultural
Society,**

Defendants.

Minnesota Public Radio News filed a timely notice of its intent to cover, by audio and/or video means, the temporary injunction hearing in the above-referenced case, to be held at **1:30 PM** on **August 19, 2021**, via **telephone bridge line**.

This request, and the Court's action on these requests, are governed by Rule 4 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice for the District Courts. Rule 4.01 provides the general rule that no visual or audio recordings shall be taken in any courtroom, area of a courthouse where courtrooms are located, or other area designated by order of the chief judge during a trial or hearing of any case. General Rule of Practice 4.02(c) sets forth the exception to the general rule as it applies to civil proceedings. Pursuant to this rule, a judge may allow visual or audio coverage of "appropriate pretrial hearings in civil proceedings." General Rule of Practice 4.02(c) (v). The Court instructed all parties to file and email to the Court any objections to media coverage by 12:00 PM on August 16, 2021. No objections were filed or emailed to the Court as of that date and time.

Accordingly, based on the notice and other information in the court record with respect to audio and/or video coverage of the sentencing proceedings, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. Minnesota Public Radio News' request to cover the temporary injunction hearing by audio and/or video means is **GRANTED** subject to the limitations prescribed by this Court and Minnesota General Rules of Practice 4.02(c) and 4.04.
2. Any witnesses the parties may call have the right to object to being recorded. At this time, the Court is not aware of any potential witnesses.
3. Arguments of counsel and any statements from the parties or the Court may be recorded while in session.
4. None of the following may be recorded:
 - a. Any Ramsey County Courthouse location where the use of recording devices is prohibited.
 - b. Any time during the hearing when the district court judge is not present and presiding.
5. Any notices of intent to cover the temporary injunction hearing in this case by audio or visual means filed after this Order is filed are denied as untimely.
6. This Order does not prohibit Minnesota Public Radio News from sharing its recordings or photographs with other media outlets or individuals.
7. Any audio and video coverage permitted by this Order must comply with all other applicable provisions contained in Minnesota General Rules of Practice 4.02 and 4.04.

Dated: August 16, 2021

BY THE COURT:



Nelson, Laura (Judge)
Aug 16 2021 12:48 PM

Laura E. Nelson
Judge of District Court