

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
ORLANDO DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VS.

CASE NO: 6:17-cr-18-Orl-40KRS

NOOR ZAHI SALMAN

**AMENDED ORDER AND INFORMATION REGARDING HEARINGS AND TRIAL
(FOR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS)**

On April 19, 2017, the Court issued an Order regarding access to the courthouse and courtrooms by members of the press for this case (Doc. 42). This Order replaces and supersedes the April 19, 2017 Order and applies to all members of the press, including foreign journalists and online bloggers.

A. Access to the Courthouse, Interviews, and Recordings

The courthouse (located at 401 W. Central Boulevard, Orlando, Florida) opens to the public at 7:30 a.m. and the public must exit the building by 5:30 p.m. All persons entering the courthouse must show a government-issued picture ID and must pass through a security screening device and have any bags, packages, purses, etc., examined through an X-ray machine. There will be a secondary security checkpoint outside the main courtroom and outside both overflow courtrooms. Acceptable forms of identification include official state or United States identification such as a driver's license or passport. The only acceptable international identification is a government-issued passport with a current United States visa, if required. Proper decorum is expected of all visitors to the courthouse.

Members of the press are prohibited from conducting any interviews of any persons (attorneys, witnesses, victims, victims' family members, etc.) while inside the courthouse at any time. All interviews must be conducted outside of the courthouse. Members of the press are further reminded to: (1) abstain from any contact with jurors or potential jurors; and (2) respect the privacy of the victims and family members. Any person found to be violating this directive shall be subject to sanctions, including the loss of media privileges and removal from the main and overflow courtrooms for the remainder of trial.

Members of the press are often surprised by the very restrictive rules applicable to photography and recording of proceedings in federal district courts. These rules are due to national policies affecting all federal district courts. **Photographing and/or broadcasting of criminal proceedings – either audio or video – is prohibited by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 53, Local Rule 4.11(a)(2), and Judicial Conference policy.** Members of the media are therefore precluded from bringing any cameras or recording devices into any courtroom, and electronic recording of any sort is prohibited inside the courthouse at all times (with the exception of the media press room, Room 4220). Camera crews may, however, be located outside the courthouse. Camera crews should be stationed at a reasonable location so as not to interfere with normal ingress or egress. Members of the press shall not block the main courthouse entryway or the steps. These procedures, including the establishment of a designated interview area, may be adjusted at any time at the discretion of the United States Marshals Service.

B. Access to the Courtroom

The Court will ensure that 12 seats are reserved for members of the press in the main courtroom – Courtroom 4B. Tickets for these 12 seats will be distributed each morning of trial starting one hour before the scheduled start of trial for that day. Seating space is limited to a first-come, first-served basis, and if the courtroom reaches capacity, remaining members of the press will be directed to Courtroom 3A, where the proceedings will be broadcast via a closed-circuit television feed. Courtroom 3A is the only overflow courtroom for the media – under no circumstances may any member of the press use any other overflow courtroom.

Members of the press who receive a ticket for seating in the main courtroom and who wish to leave the courtroom during trial for a period of more than 15 minutes must turn their ticket over to the Court Security Officer in the courtroom, who will redistribute the ticket to another member of the press who wishes to use that seat.

Due to the limited seating and seating restrictions, all persons must adhere to all instructions given by the Court Security Officers and/or United States Marshals.

C. Use of Electronics and the Media Press Room

Members of the media who register and receive a court-issued photo ID may bring electronic equipment (cell phones, laptops, tablets, smart watches, and portable scanners/printers) into the courthouse. However, such electronic equipment may only be used in the designated media press room areas (Room 4220 and the interior hallway outside Room 4220). Under no circumstances will any electronic equipment be allowed into the main courtroom (Courtroom 4B) or the media overflow courtroom (Courtroom 3A).

Court Security Officers will be conducting secondary screening outside each courtroom to ensure compliance.

To receive a court-issued photo ID, members of the media must register online at <http://www.flmd.uscourts.gov/notableCases/Salman/Salman.html>. Member of the media are strongly encouraged to register before February 26, 2018 to ensure access to the photo ID on the first day of trial, although registration will continue throughout the duration of trial. In order to possess electronic equipment inside the courthouse, members of the media must wear their court-issued photo ID at all times.

The media press room (Room 4220), located on the fourth floor of the courthouse, has free wifi, a small kitchen area, restrooms, and a limited number of lockers for day use to store personal items, and electronic equipment. Space in the press room, including the use of lockers, is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the press must bring their own locks, and must remove the lock and all of their belongings at the end of each day of trial. Locks left on lockers overnight will be removed, and belongings discarded. The press room will be open beginning one hour before the start of trial and will close at 5:00 p.m. or 30 minutes after the conclusion of court proceedings that last past normal business hours. Members of the press with court-issued photo IDs may bring food into the press room.

D. Sketch Artists

Sketch artists who register and receive a court-issued photo ID are permitted in the main courtroom and the media overflow courtroom (Courtroom 3A). Sketch artists are cautioned to be discreet so as not to disrupt Court proceedings. Sketch artists may bring their renderings to the press room so that members of the media may scan and

transmit copies of the sketches. Sketch artists are reminded that they may never sketch any juror or potential juror.

E. Exhibits

The Court will not provide copies of exhibits during trial. All inquiries concerning viewing or copying exhibits that are admitted into evidence during the trial shall be directed to the United States Attorney's Office's Media Relations Department (for prosecution exhibits) or to Attorney Fritz Scheller (for defense exhibits).

F. Media Relations Liaison

All inquiries by any member of the press shall be directed to the Court's Media Relations Liaison, who may be contacted at media@flmd.uscourts.gov or 407-835-5985. Under no circumstances should any member of the media contact Judge Byron's chambers directly. Members of the media are also encouraged to sign up for e-mail and/or text updates. Such requests may be completed at the time members of the media register for their court-issued photo ID.

DONE AND ORDERED in Orlando, Florida on January 24, 2018.


PAUL G. BYRON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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