

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF
PIKE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
CRIMINAL DIVISION**

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA	:	
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vs.	:	No. 19 - 2015
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ERIC MATTHEW FREIN,	:	
	:	
Defendant	:	

DECORUM ORDER GOVERNING JURY SELECTION

AND NOW, this 7th day of March, 2017, upon consultation with the Chester County Court Administrator, Chester County Sheriff, Chester County Jury Administrator and the Pike County Court Administrator, the following Order is entered;

The terms of this Order apply to jury selection scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. on March 9, 2017 in the Chester County Justice Center, 201 West Market Street, West Chester, Pennsylvania.

The provisions noted as "Mandatory" shall be applied by the Court and enforced accordingly by its officers and agents. The provisions noted as "Information" are intended to provide meaningful structure and guidance to those reporters and members of the general public who will be attending the proceedings.

Additional information will be made available on the Court's website:

www.pikepa.org

MANDATORY

1. Court Access: All summoned jurors, members of the public and members of the press must enter the Justice Center through the front entrance located on West Market Street. Access from other courthouse entrances will not be permitted.

2. Summoned Jurors:
 - a. All summoned jurors may begin reporting to the Justice Center at 8:30 a.m. and must be present by 9:00 a.m. on the juror's designated day(s) of service.
 - b. While the use of electronic devices during jury selection is prohibited, summoned jurors may bring such electronic devices with them for their use while awaiting their participation in the jury selection process and as otherwise permitted by this Order or the Chester County Court of Common Pleas' Justice Center security policy.

3. Courtrooms: The general jury selection (Phase I) scheduled on the dates of March 9, 10, 16 and 17 shall be conducted in Courtroom 1 of the Chester County Justice Center. The individual jury selection (Phase II) shall be scheduled by the Court either during or upon completion of the Phase I selection process, shall be announced in open court at that time and shall be conducted in a courtroom to be designated by the Chester County Court Administrator.

4. Allocation of Seats:

a. During jury selection:

i. Allocation of seats in Courtroom 1—Phase 1

1. Jurors—To be seated in pre-assigned seats
2. Press –To be assigned by Sheriff and court personnel

ii. Allocation of seats --- Phase 2 (Individual Selection):

1. Press—To be assigned by Sheriff and court personnel

b. Actual trial experience regarding how many seats are needed in each category may result in a reallocation of assigned seating in the sole discretion of the Court and Sheriff.

5. Public Admittance: Members of the public will be admitted to Courtroom 1 (Phase I) and a designated courtroom (Phase II) on a first come, first served basis. There will be no computerized pre-registration or pre-selection for the public.

a. Members of the public attending the court proceedings shall abide by all rules and regulations governing individuals using the court facilities at the Chester County Justice Center as established by the Chester County Court of Common Pleas.

b. This Court reserves the right to implement additional rules and regulations or modify the same as in its sole discretion are necessary for the proper order and process of jury selection in the above case.

6. Electronic Devices:

- a. All members of the press and the public shall abide by the Chester County Court of Common Pleas' policy regarding the possession and/or use of any cell phone, laptop computer, smart phone, or similar electronic device while in the Chester County Justice Center. All members of the press and the public intending to attend any day of jury selection must familiarize himself or herself regarding the County policy on electronic devices in the Justice Center prior to the date of attendance.
- b. All cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off prior to entering any courtroom and shall not be utilized under any circumstances during a court proceeding. Any individual who violates this rule shall be required to surrender the cell phone and/or electronic device to the custody of the Sheriff until completion of the court proceeding.
- c. This Court reserves the right to implement additional rules and regulations or modify the same regarding the possession and/or use of electronic devices in the Justice Center and/or any courtroom as in its sole discretion are necessary for the proper order and process of jury selection in the above case.

7. Sanction for Improper Use of Electronic Device: Any reporter or member of the public who violates the provisions of this Order or the Chester County Court of Common Pleas policy regarding the use of electronic devices in the Justice Center, in addition to other sanctions noted in this Order, will be subject to the penalties of contempt (including fines or summary incarceration) under any applicable statute, order or rule of Court. In addition, any reporter who violates this Order, the news organization the reporter represents, and any news outlet that intentionally and knowingly rebroadcasts or republishes any account prohibited by this Order, in the discretion of the Court, may also lose the privilege of being credentialed and/or permitted to attend the proceeding.

8. Leaving the Courtrooms: Those seated in a courtroom during jury selection are expected to remain in their seats until the Court either calls a recess or the session has ended. If a person is required to leave a courtroom during jury selection proceedings, he or she shall do so in a prompt, quiet manner so as not to disrupt the court proceedings. Any such individual leaving a courtroom during the jury selection proceedings may be asked to delay his or her re-entry into the courtroom at the sole discretion of the Sheriff so as not to disrupt the court proceedings. Those who leave an area deemed secure by the Sheriff may be required to undergo a security screening before being readmitted to a courtroom.

9. Interviews: No news media interviews whatsoever shall be conducted in any courtroom or any location of the Justice Center, including corridors, hallways, elevators, interior and exterior steps. Interviews may be

conducted in the front area of the Justice Center or other approved area, but only in areas designated for that purpose by the Sheriff.

10. Sheriff's Authority: The Sheriff of Chester County, in consultation with the Court, shall have the authority to make such reasonable rules and regulations as may be required to implement this Order and to provide adequate security intended to assure the safety of all those in the Justice Center, and on the Justice Center grounds and to assure the orderly conduct of the Jury Selection. Such regulations may include, among others:

- a. Prohibiting backpacks, large purses or satchels in any courtroom or the Justice Center, except as specifically permitted by the Sheriff and Court.
- b. Prohibiting taking food or beverages into the courtrooms.
- c. Barring any person, except those immediately involved in the Jury Selection, from passing beyond the bar in any courtroom.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Parking: Parking near the Justice Center is limited. Reporters and members of the public who will be attending the Jury Selection should allow ample time to find parking and make their way to the Justice Center.

2. Interference With Jurors: It is a serious criminal offense under Pennsylvania Law for any person to influence, intimidate or impede a juror summoned or selected to serve. Summoned jurors and selected jurors may be asked to report to the Court if any member of the media, any person connected with the Jury Selection of the case, or other person has discussed with them the facts of the case, attempted to influence their opinion, or otherwise attempted to influence their participation.

3. Court's Authority: While policies and procedures associated with media access to court proceedings vary from county to county within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the ultimate authority to supervise the Jury Selection in the above case and all associated events and the application of such policies and procedures rests exclusively with the Court.

4. Inquiries:
 - a. All Inquiries regarding policies governing attendance in the Chester County Justice Center should be directed to Patricia Norwood-Foden, Chester County Court Administrator, 610-344-5447.

- b. All other inquiries regarding the above case and jury selection should be directed to Samantha G. Venditti, Esquire, Pike County Court Administrator, 570-296-3556.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G H Chelak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Honorable Gregory H. Chelak, J.