

# **NEVADA BOARD OF PAROLE COMMISSIONERS**

## **PROTOCOL GOVERNING MEDIA**

### **Orental Simpson Parole Hearing**

Parole hearings in the State of Nevada are open to the public. The Nevada Board of Parole Commissioners ("Board") permits video recording and photographs to be taken during its hearings on the condition that such activity does not interfere with the conduct of a hearing. In an effort to limit distractions, this instruction outlines the use of cameras and other media during the hearing. Media coverage is subject at all times to the authority of the Chairman of the Board ("Chair") to control the matter being considered to ensure decorum, prevent distractions and ensure the fair administration of the hearing.

This document contains instructions regarding the Carson City hearing location and the Lovelock Correctional Center ("LCC"). The Director of the Department of Corrections ("NDOC") has independent authority to regulate and act upon issues that may arise at LCC. The Director of the NDOC may rescind any authorized media activity at LCC if a threat to the safety and security of the correctional center occurs.

### **Hearing Date and Time**

Date: Thursday, July 20, 2017

Time: 10:00 AM

Hearing Location: Board of Parole Commissioners  
1677 Old Hot Springs Road STE A  
Carson City, NV 89706

Video-Conference Location: Lovelock Correctional Center  
1200 Prison Road  
Lovelock, NV89419

### **Media Defined**

For purposes of this document, "media" is defined as: 1) traditional print and broadcast communication channels, such as radio and television, newspapers, and magazines, through which news and information is disseminated that reach or influence people widely, and 2) the next generation of digital, computerized or networked information and communication technologies, not directly associated with traditional print and/or broadcast media entities and defined as an independent online entity that contains regularly updated original news content and was established prior to the issuance of this Order.

### **Advance Credentialing**

All media representatives must provide media credentials to the Board at least two weeks prior to the date of the hearing indicating the specific location of attendance. Space is limited at both hearing locations and access shall be prioritized based on the order in which credentials by each distinct

organization are received. Once capacity has been reached, no additional media representatives will be permitted to park onsite or be granted access to any designated press areas. If space is available after the deadline for advanced credentialing has passed, additional media representatives may be authorized, at the discretion of the Chair with respect to the Carson City location, or at the discretion of the NDOC at the LCC location. An advanced credentialing form is attached to this Order.

## **Security, Parking and Site Access**

### **Carson City Location:**

The Carson City Sheriff's Office ("CCSO") will provide primary security for the Carson City hearing and will coordinate with the Pershing County Sheriff if any security issues arise in the Lovelock area. The CCSO will provide security and access control for the designated parking areas beginning at 7:00 AM on the morning of the hearing, unless the CCSO establishes an earlier date/time. The CCSO will establish a security command center in designated space inside the offices of the Parole Board. Only vehicles belonging to media representatives with advanced credentialing will be permitted to park in the designated media parking area.

The Nevada Capitol Police will provide access control and security inside the physical buildings and spaces utilized by the Board. Only those media representatives authorized in advance of the hearing will be granted entry into the offices of the Parole Board.

### **Lovelock Correctional Center Location:**

The NDOC will manage the security inside and outside the institution and have established designated parking areas for members of the media who have been approved via advanced credentialing. Parking along the road leading to LCC is prohibited.

NOTE: LCC is surrounded by undeveloped desert covered with dry grass and brush with very little developed parking areas. The Nevada Division of Forestry recently issued a wildfire advisory regarding roadside fires and fire safety. Because of the danger of hot exhaust pipes and mufflers igniting dry grass or brush, parking near the correctional center is permitted in designated areas only.

## **Access to the Hearing Rooms**

### **Carson City Hearing Room:**

Seating is limited. The Board will designate a number of seats that will be provided to members of the media as well as other persons who may attend the hearing. Attendance in Carson City may be restricted to one representative of members belonging to the same organization, and if any seats remain vacant just prior to the start of the hearing, the Chair may permit entry to members of the media who represent a journalistic medium that is under-represented in the hearing room.

Non-media related seats are designated with the following priority:

1. A representative of the inmate, if not represented at the LCC location.
2. Any victim(s) in the case wishing to attend.
3. Any family members of the inmate wishing to attend.
4. A designee of the Board for the purpose of taking still photographs.
5. An employee of the Board.
6. An employee of the Division of Parole and Probation.
7. An employee of the Department of Corrections.

8. The Board's general counsel/liaison.
9. The Judge or principle Deputy District Attorney involved in the case.
10. Members of the general public.

Seating for media representatives are prioritized as follows:

1. Two national level pool reporters.
2. Representatives of local Northern Nevada print media.
3. National level media representatives with permanent local representation.
4. National level media representatives.
5. International media.

**Lovelock Correctional Center Video Conference Location:**

The Lovelock Correctional Center is a medium security institution and access to the institution is strictly controlled and limited for approved purposes only. All persons entering the premises are subject to search. Access to the hearing room has been limited to the following:

1. A representative of the inmate, if not represented at the Carson City location.
2. Any victim(s) in the case wishing to attend.
3. Any family members of the inmate wishing to attend.
4. Approved employees of the NDOC.
5. A designee of the Board for the purpose of taking still photographs.
6. One national level press pool reporter.
7. One representative of local Northern Nevada television media for livestreaming.
8. One member of law enforcement pertinent to the case.

**Media Access and Pool**

**Carson City Location**

Media access to the Carson City hearing room and press area will be granted at 7:00 AM on the morning of the hearing. All media equipment is subject to search at any time.

**Video Camera Equipment and Camera Pool Operators**

Two video cameras are permitted in the Carson City hearing room and each camera must be operated from a tripod. The video cameras must operate silently and not produce distracting light. Camera set-ups and testing must be completed prior to the hearing. The following have been authorized to operate video recording cameras as part of a media pool. The names of the designated camera operators must be provided to the Board at least two weeks prior to the hearing date. No other videography is permitted to be taken during the hearing. The video camera operators should coordinate directly with the pool uplink designees for arrival and set up times.

Video Camera One  
KTVN (CBS) Channel 2 Reno, NV  
Contact: Jason Pasco, News Director  
[jpasco@ktvn.com](mailto:jpasco@ktvn.com)  
775-861-4290

Video Camera Two  
KRNV (NBC) Channel 4 Reno, NV  
Contact: Scott Fitzgerald, News Director  
[gsfitzgerald@sbgtn.com](mailto:gsfitzgerald@sbgtn.com)  
775-336-6264



#### Video Pool Uplink

CNN will provide a live video uplink from the images captured by the two designated video cameras. Access to the video uplink must be unrestricted. CNN will provide a complete copy of the video transmitted to the uplink from both cameras operating in the hearing room to a designee of the Board in an acceptable format as soon as practicable following the conclusion of the hearing. Coordination of the transfer of a copy of the video streams will be performed separately from this Order. A copy of the uplink provided to the Board will be made publicly available as soon as practicable after the hearing. CNN will provide 2 mult boxes for onsite distribution, one for each camera inside the hearing room, and a mult box for audio only for radio outlets. CNN will transmit a feed of the uplinks from Carson City, and the video from LCC to one or more television monitors in a designated press area for viewing.

#### CNN Video Uplink Pool Contacts

Sara Weisfeldt  
Supervising Producer CNN Denver  
[Sara.Weisfeldt@turner.com](mailto:Sara.Weisfeldt@turner.com)  
323-646-4331

Vivian Kuo  
Supervisor, CNN News Operations  
[Vivian.Kuo@turner.com](mailto:Vivian.Kuo@turner.com)  
404-827-2493

#### Still Photographs

One still photographer who is employed by the State of Nevada is permitted in the Carson City hearing room. All photographs must be taken from a predesignated location and the photographer may not move about the room while the hearing is in process. A digital copy of all photographs taken outside the building and within the Parole Board office areas shall be provided to the Board as soon as practicable following the hearing. No other photography is permitted to be taken during the hearing. A copy of all photographs taken will be publicly available as soon as practicable following the hearing.

#### Pool Reporters

One print pool reporter is designated for the Carson City hearing room. Notes and quotes taken by the pool reporter shall be provided to the Board in electronic format (via email, multiple emails, or contained within a word document) as soon as practicable. Notes and quotes are not required in real-time and may be consolidated and submitted in a single document. Notes and quotes provided to the Board will be made available to the general public as soon as practicable after final receipt.

One video pool reporter is designated for the Carson City hearing room. The video pool reporter shall report on their general observations to the reporters outside the hearing room prior to filing a report with their respective news outlet.

Print Pool Reporter  
Reuters  
Steve Gorman, General Correspondent  
[steve.gorman@thomsonreuters.com](mailto:steve.gorman@thomsonreuters.com)  
213-955-6761

Video pool reporter  
Fox news  
Contact: Lee Ross  
[Lee.Ross@foxnews.com](mailto:Lee.Ross@foxnews.com)  
310-571-2040

**Lovelock Correctional Center Location**

Media access to the LCC hearing room will be granted at 7:30 AM on the morning of the hearing. All media equipment is subject to search at any time.

**Video Camera Equipment and Camera Pool Operator**

One video camera is permitted in the LCC video-conference room and must be operated from a tripod. The video camera must operate silently and not produce distracting light. All camera setup must be completed prior to the hearing. The following has been authorized to operate the video recording camera at LCC as part of a media pool. The name of the designated camera operator must be provided to the Board at least two weeks prior to the hearing date. No other videography is permitted to be taken during the hearing. The video camera operator should coordinate directly with the pool uplink designee for arrival and set up times.

Channel 8 – KOLO (ABC)  
Contact: Stanton Tang, News Director  
[Stanton.tang@kolotv.com](mailto:Stanton.tang@kolotv.com)  
775-351-0221

**Video Pool Uplink**

ABC will provide a live video uplink from the images captured by the designated video camera. Access to the video uplink must be unrestricted. ABC will provide a complete copy of the video transmitted to the uplink from the camera operating in the hearing room to a designee of the Board in an acceptable format as soon as practicable following the conclusion of the hearing. Coordination of the transfer of a copy of the video streams will be performed separately from this Order. ABC will provide 2 mult boxes for onsite distribution, one in 1080 and one in 720 format, and one mult box for radio outlets. ABC will transmit a feed of the uplink from LCC, and a downlink of the video from Carson City to one or more television monitors in a designated press area for viewing.

ABC Video Uplink Pool Contact  
David Herndon  
Los Angeles Bureau Chief  
[David.L.Herndon@abc.com](mailto:David.L.Herndon@abc.com)  
818-553-5500

Ronal Ellison  
Sr. Technical Manager Western Bureaus  
[Ronal.Ellison@abc.com](mailto:Ronal.Ellison@abc.com)  
818-553-5504

**Still Photographs**

One still photographer who is employed by the State of Nevada is permitted in the Lovelock Correctional Center video-conference room. All photographs must be taken from a predesignated location and the photographer may not move about the room while the hearing is in process. A digital copy of all photographs taken outside the institution and within the LCC hearing room shall be provided to the Board as soon as practicable following the hearing. No other photography is permitted to be taken during the hearing.

**Pool Reporters**

One pool reporter is designated for the LCC video-conference room. Notes and quotes taken by the pool reporter shall be provided to the Board in electronic format (via email, multiple emails, or contained within a word document) as soon as practicable. Notes and quotes are not required in real-



time and may be consolidated and provided in a single document. Notes and quotes will be provided to the general public as soon as practicable after final receipt by the Board. The pool reporter is permitted to bring a laptop into the LCC hearing room for the sole purpose of note-taking.

Associated Press Pool Reporter  
Ken Ritter  
[kritter@ap.org](mailto:kritter@ap.org)  
702-382-7440

### **Audio Recording of the Hearing**

Digital audio recorders that are more sensitive than the human ear (audio equipment generally used to amplify quiet sound from a distance) are not permitted. Recording of discussions or privileged communications not spoken publicly is not permitted. Any use of other digital recording equipment during the hearing shall not be obtrusive or distracting. No cellular devices are permitted at the LCC video conference location.

### **Decorum and Communication with Hearing Participants**

No disruptions, interference, outbursts, public demonstrations, loud or intrusive noises or distractions shall be permitted in the hearing room or its immediate surroundings. Anyone who fails to maintain decorum will be removed from the premises. No communication is permitted between the media and the hearing participants during the hearing process to include:

- (a) The time immediately prior to the start of the hearing when participants are gathering in the hearing rooms;
- (b) During any recess taken; and
- (c) The time immediately following the conclusion of the hearing when participants are leaving.

Hearing participants include:

- (a) The members of the Board;
- (b) Victims of the crime;
- (c) The inmate;
- (d) The inmate's representative;
- (e) Family members of the inmate.

Security will be available to escort hearing participants into, through and out of the Carson City and LCC premises upon request.

### **Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles:**

NRS 493.109(1)(a) prohibits the operation of an unmanned aerial vehicle within a horizontal distance of 500 feet or a vertical distance of 250 feet from a critical facility without the written consent of the owner of the critical facility. NDOC facilities are critical facilities pursuant to NRS 493.020(2). The NDOC does not consent to the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (also known as drones) within the specified distance limited.

NRS 493.109(1)(b) prohibits the operation of an unmanned aerial vehicle within 5 miles of an airport unless the person obtains the consent of the airport authority or the operator of the airport. The Offices of the Board of Parole Commissioners in Carson City is located within 5 miles of the Carson City airport.

### Interviews

No interviews are permitted inside the premises of Board in Carson City, or inside LCC. Staff members in Carson City will be available to answer questions in a designated area at the conclusion of the hearing.

### Internet Access

Public wi-fi or internet access is not available at either hearing location.

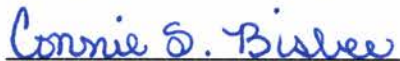
### Questions

In an effort to limit responses to redundant questions and to facilitate the dissemination of information to the media and interested persons, the Parole Board requests that questions related to this hearing or parole board processes from the media be submitted via email to [dmsmith@parole.nv.gov](mailto:dmsmith@parole.nv.gov). Responses to common questions will be provided to media representatives and/or updated on a webpage maintained by the Board.

Questions may be directed to:  
Board of Parole Commissioners  
David M. Smith  
Hearings Examiner II  
[dmsmith@parole.nv.gov](mailto:dmsmith@parole.nv.gov)  
775-684-2685

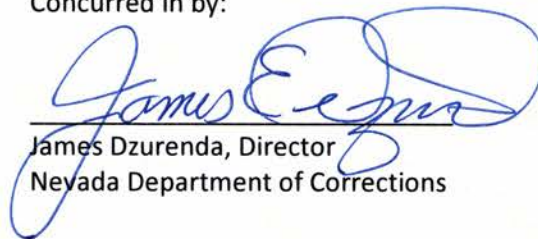
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Brooke Keast  
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