



20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
Boulder County Combined Courts

## **Media Plan and Guidance**

### **The People of the State of Colorado v. Yeva Smilianska Trial *March – April 2025***

#### **Trial Information**

20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
Boulder County Combined Courts 1777 6th St., Boulder, CO 80302  
PO Box 4249  
Boulder, CO 80306  
**Case Number, Charge(s)**  
**2023CR2137, Vehicular Homicide**

#### **Court Contact Information**

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20th JD Court Executive  
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#### **Research Department (records requests)**

[20recordsrequest@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:20recordsrequest@judicial.state.co.us) (720) 664-1468  
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



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### **Media Access**

#### **Interviews**

Judges, court staff, and jurors may not discuss active cases. Jurors who wish to be interviewed after the conclusion of the cases may do so, but this will need to be coordinated through the individual and not the courts.

For interviews with victims' family members, please contact the Boulder District Attorney's Office:

Shannon Carbone  
Public Information Officer  
Boulder County District Attorney's Office [scarbone@bouldercounty.gov](mailto:scarbone@bouldercounty.gov)

#### **Courthouse security**

Members of the public and media must pass through a metal detector and security screening by court security officers.

#### **Closed sessions**

Certain proceedings are always closed to the public and media. Jury deliberations and attorney-client meetings will occur in private. These rules are designed to protect the integrity of the process and preserve the right to a fair and impartial trial. The judge may also meet privately with the attorneys in chambers.

### **Media On-site**

#### **Credentialed Media**

Press should be prepared to show credentials from a recognized media outlet on-site. Those that need credentialing will be issued according to the Court's credentialing process and within the Court's discretion. The Colorado Judicial Branch's Chief Communications Officer, Suzanne Karrer, will administer the media credentialing process. All requests for credentials must be made to [suzanne.karrer@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:suzanne.karrer@judicial.state.co.us). The person requesting a media credential must be prepared to present credentials identifying the person as a member of a recognized media organization.



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### **Courtroom access**

The court proceedings are open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. Up to five seats will be reserved for credential media on a first-come, first-served basis. Media outlets are limited to one representative in the courtroom.

The proceedings will be available on Webex livestreaming at [live.coloradojudicial.gov](https://live.coloradojudicial.gov) for viewing outside the courtroom.

There will not be a dedicated media room, but reporters can use unoccupied small conference rooms located around the building, which are available on a first-come-first-serve basis and are not available for reservation.

### **Off-limit areas**

Journalists should not cross from the public gallery into the well of the courtroom, which is marked by a short rail, without permission from the judge or a court employee. Throughout the courthouse, journalists should obey posted restrictions and instructions from court security officers.

Members of the media shall not block entrances or public rights of way.

## **Recording and Broadcasting**

### **Expanded Media Coverage (EMC) requests**

The judge has issued an EMC order that will allow silent and still photography inside the courtroom only but denies the request for audio and video recordings of court proceedings. The court will not allow audio or video recording, screenshots, or photos of any live streamed court proceeding.

### **Livestream**

Proceedings will be streamed on livestream. The livestream can be accessed on the coloradojudicial.gov website here: <https://live.coloradojudicial.gov>.

## **Electronic Devices and Decorum Order**

### **Decorum Order**

The judge has issued a decorum order, which outlines the rules in court rules of conduct



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and guidelines designed to govern the expectations of the people involved in the trial and those observing the trial so that the decorum of an open court will be maintained throughout the proceedings.

### **Electronic Device Usage**

Within the Decorum Order, the judge *will not allow* the use of cellphones, laptops or other electronic devices in the courtroom.

## **Key Trial Point Announcements**

### **Jury Seating, Opening Statements, Closing Statements and Verdict Announcements**

The Colorado Judicial Branch will provide updates via text message group chat. To join the group, contact Amy Woodward at [amy.woodward@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:amy.woodward@judicial.state.co.us) and provide your phone number to be added to the text group.

## **Jurors**

During the trial, the media is directed that no photograph or record of the jurors is allowed, including the juror entrance/exit from the courthouse.

The media shall make no attempt to contact or question prospective or empaneled jurors until the Court has discharged the juror.

To ensure prospective and empaneled jurors do not overhear media interviews, press interview locations will be restricted to the designated areas in the map above.

At the end of the trial, the court will ask jurors if they are interested in speaking with the press. Media representatives may ask the court for juror information of those willing to be interviewed, and the representative is responsible for securing an interview location outside the courthouse. The court will not arrange juror interviews but will provide contact information for those who agree to disclose such information.