



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY

**Public and Media Advisory**

Please be advised of the following protocols for public and media access to the trial scheduled in United States v. Brett Hankison (Case No. 3:22-CR-0084). See also [Rules of Order for Trial](#) for additional information.

**General Information**

- The trial will take place at the Gene Snyder United States Courthouse (“Courthouse”) in Courtroom 3 beginning on Monday, October 30, 2023.
- The Courthouse entrance, located at the corner of Broadway and Sixth St., will open beginning at 8:30 a.m. each morning. All those entering the Courthouse must undergo security screening.
- Courtroom 3 will open at 9:00 a.m. each day, unless otherwise directed by the Court.
- There are approximately 34 seats in Courtroom 3 which shall be apportioned on a first-come, first-served basis. The front row is reserved for designated individuals.
- All spectators must be seated before the proceedings are scheduled to commence and, except in case of emergencies, may not exit the courtroom until there is a recess. No member of the general public or media will be permitted to enter the courtroom while proceedings are in progress.
- There will be no seating in Courtroom 3 during jury selection as all available seating will be designated for the jury panel.
- The use of cell phones, laptops, cameras, and other portable electronic devices is governed by [LCrR 53.1](#), [LR 83.9](#), and [General Order 2018-09](#). These devices may not be used, or possessed, in Courtroom 3 and should not be brought in the Courthouse.
- Recording video or audio of court proceedings is strictly prohibited.

- No signs, hats, t-shirts, or other clothing displaying slogans that could be construed to influence members of the jury or make any statement about any issue relevant to the trial will be permitted.
- The trial will be broadcast to two additional locations within the Courthouse; an “overflow courtroom” located in Courtroom 4, which is available to both the general public and the media, and a Media Center located on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Courthouse, which will be accessible to credentialed members of the media only. Pursuant to Judicial Conference Policy, the trial may not be broadcast to any locations outside of the Courthouse.

#### **Overflow Courtroom (Courtroom 4)**

- In addition to the “live” courtroom, an “overflow” courtroom, which includes approximately 65 seats, will be open for members of the public to observe a live audio/video feed of the trial. Seats will be first-come, first-serve. Courtroom 4 will be open beginning at 9:00 a.m. each morning.
- No stand-alone cameras or tape-recording devices are permitted. Laptop computers are permitted for note-taking purposes.
- No loitering in the hallway of Courtroom 4 is permitted.
- Photographing and video or audio recording or transmission of court proceedings are prohibited. Consistent with the Judicial Council’s Policy Guidelines, cameras of any kind (including camera telephones and laptop computer cameras), video cameras of any kind (including video telephones and video cameras connected to laptop computers), and audio recording devices of any kind are not permitted in the Courthouse.
- No conversations or gestures that would disrupt or distract other viewing of the proceeding are permitted.

#### **Media Center**

- A Media Center has been created on the fifth floor of the Courthouse, accessible via the elevators located on the 7<sup>th</sup> Street side of the building and is available to credentialed members of the media to observe a live audio/video feed of the trial. The Media Center will be accessible at 8:30 a.m. each day.
- Seats will be apportioned on a first-come, first-served basis and may be limited to two per media organization.
- No stand-alone cameras or tape-recording devices are permitted in the Media Center. Laptop computers will be permitted for note-taking purposes.

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- Additional information regarding media access to court proceedings, can be found [here](#).