

STATE OF TEXAS

§ In the 296th

VS

§ DISTRICT COURT OF

§ COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS

BRANDON DE MCALL

AMENDED ORDER OF PROCEDURE AND DECORUM

On March 31, 2025, the 296th Judicial District Court will preside over the criminal hearing of Brandon De McCall in Collin County, Texas. Given the significant public and media interest in his case, the Court finds it necessary to establish procedures that balance the rights of the defendant and the public while maintaining courthouse operations and security. This order sets forth policies governing public access and media coverage to ensure an orderly, secure, and fair proceeding.

The media and public have a general right to access all judicial proceedings in the 296th District Court. However, to maintain courtroom decorum and security, interviews are prohibited within the courtroom, hallways, and security areas. A designated press conference area will be available.

IT IS ORDERED courtroom seating will follow a strict schedule: media entry at 8:30 AM, family at 8:40 AM, and the public at 8:50 AM. Doors will close at 9:00 AM sharp, and re-entry will only be allowed during natural breaks in proceedings. No audio or visual recording is permitted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED proper courtroom attire is required, including business attire for all attendees. No signs, banners, logos, clothing with messages, bags, briefcases, backpacks, large purses, or containers will be allowed. Electronic devices, including phones, cameras, and recording equipment, must be turned off unless expressly permitted by the Court. Any violation will result in confiscation of the device for the duration of the proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED all individuals must maintain silence and decorum inside the courtroom. No expressions of approval or disapproval will be tolerated. Reading materials, food, drinks (except water for witnesses and counsel), and gum are prohibited. The courtroom atmosphere must remain calm and respectful due to the sensitive and complex nature of the evidence.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED only authorized personnel—including attorneys, court staff and security, witnesses, and court reporters—will be allowed beyond the bar in the courtroom. Security measures will be strictly enforced, including screening all individuals entering the courthouse and courtroom. Additional security-restricted areas may be designated as necessary. Spectators must comply with security personnel and courtroom protocols, including limitations on movement and access.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED public access to the courthouse will be subject to standard security screening. No weapons, cameras, or recording devices are allowed, except as authorized by the Court. Spectators must enter the courtroom in an orderly manner, and hallway congregation is prohibited. Any disruptive behavior or failure to comply with this order will result in removal from the courtroom and potential sanctions.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED members of law enforcement *may not* carry a firearm in the courtroom except administrative staff (Captain and above-IN UNIFORM) as authorized by the Court through the Court Officer William Rollins.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the media must conduct interviews only in designated areas. No unauthorized recording of attorneys, the defendant, witnesses, or other interested parties is allowed inside the courthouse. Violators will be removed, and media credentials may be revoked at the Court's discretion. Media personnel must avoid obstructing courthouse operations or interfering with security.

This order is effective immediately and remains in place until further notice. Violations will result in sanctions, including removal from the courtroom, suspension of public or media access, or contempt of court, which carries penalties of up to six months in the Collin County Detention Facility and a fine of up to \$500.

For media inquiries, contact Derrick Jackson at dwjackson@collincountytx.gov or 972-548-4673. For court-related inquiries, contact Charla Kiser, Court Coordinator, at ckiser@co.collin.tx.us or 972-548-4409. This order will be posted on the Collin County website, in the courthouse lobby, outside the 296th District Court, and served to lead counsel, the District Attorney, the Sheriff, and the Victim Coordinator.

SIGNED AND ORDERED on March 19, 2025.



HONORABLE JOHN R. ROACH
Presiding Judge, 296th Judicial District Court
Collin County, Texas