STATE OF MICHIGAN 43RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CASS COUNTY	MEDIA COVERAGE ORDER	LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 1997-3

This Court does hereby issue the following Administrative Order with regard to media coverage of cases tried before this Court pursuant to Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 1989-1.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that there be no film or electronic media coverage of the jury selection process. No cameras of any kind are to be used inside the courtroom during the jury selection process.

IT IS ALSO ORDERED, that no television cameras or related equipment may be set up inside the courtroom without the prior approval of the Court. Also, the Court will only allow one television camera inside the courtroom and this camera must be selected by joint agreement of all media representatives present at the time. This camera will only be allowed on the condition that satisfactory pooling arrangements have been made to assure equal coverage opportunities. This equipment must be set up before any court session begins, and can only be removed when court is not in session.

Pooling arrangements must be reached by the media representatives themselves. The Court will not mediate any disputes over pooling arrangements. In the event no such agreement is reached, then no film or electronic media coverage will be permitted.

IT IS ALSO ORDERED, that not more than two still photographers, utilizing more than two still cameras each, with not more than two lenses for each camera and related necessary equipment, shall be permitted in the courtroom. Any exchanges of the two designated still photographers with related equipment can only be conducted when court is not in session.

In all other respects, Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 1989-1 shall control. A copy of said order is available upon request.

This Court reserves the right to modify this order or issue any further orders as necessary to control the proceedings, prevent distractions and thereby assure the fair administration of justice in any given case.

Michael E. Dodge, Circuit Judge

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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FORTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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November 4, 1997

Mr. John D. Ferry, Jr., Director
State Court Administrative Office
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Lansing, Michigan 48909

RE: Media Coverage: Administrative Order 1997-3

Dear Mr. Ferry:

Enclosed please find this Court's proposed Administrative Order regarding Media Coverage. This order is being submitted for your review and approval.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Michael E. Dodge
Circuit Judge

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November 24, 1997

Hon. Michael E. Dodge
43rd Circuit Court
Cass County Courthouse
110 N. Broadway
Cassopolis, MI 49031

Re: Administrative Order 1997-03
Media Coverage

Dear Judge Dodge:

This is to advise that we have reviewed the above referenced Administrative Order and find that it conforms with the requirements of MCR 8.112(B). This order is being accepted and filed until advised by your court of any change.

Sincerely,

John D. Ferry, Jr.
State Court Administrator

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cc: Kevin Bowling, Regional Administrator, Region 2