

Media Guidelines for State v. Austin Drummond

Objective: *This document is intended for dissemination to media organizations that have requested permission to cover the Austin Drummond preliminary hearing. These Media Guidelines for State v. Austin Drummond will be emailed to participating media after pool cameras have been determined and before the preliminary hearing starts.*

Pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 30, the following media parameters are in place for *State v. Austin Drummond*. Please note Judge Andrew Cook sets media rules for this case and the Lake County Sheriff Bryan Avery controls this building.

1. All media must formerly request permission to cover the trial. [See Rule 30](#).
2. The preliminary hearing will start at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, September 4th. All media must go through the metal detectors. Please plan on being ready and in place by 12:30 p.m. CDT.
3. The “media room” for this case is located on the opposite end of the hallway from the circuit courtroom where the trial is taking place. The pool camera will provide a livestream of the court proceedings to that room. There is Wi-Fi in this room. Laptops, tablets, phones, are permitted in this room.
4. The General Sessions courtroom, where the preliminary hearing will take place, will likely be at capacity during the preliminary hearing. One full row, has been reserved for media, at the discretion of the judge. Once seated in the courtroom, you will not be permitted to move or leave until there is an official break in the court.
5. For reporters in the General Sessions courtroom, the judge will allow only pen and pad for notetaking. No electronic or recording devices will be allowed, except for designated pool cameras. Again, an audio line from the circuit courtroom to the media room will be provided.
6. One pool camera is permitted in the courtroom. No other video or audio recording is allowed in the general sessions courtroom. The pool camera is Fox 13 of Memphis, having acted as such at the arraignment and subsequent appearances of the Defendant. Please work directly with Fox 13 of Memphis to obtain the feed you need.
7. One still photographer will be permitted in the courtroom for the duration of the trial. The still photographer is Law and Crime Network, having acted as such at the arraignment of the Defendant. Please work directly with Law and Crime Network to obtain any photos you need.

8. Any requests for documents related to the case will need to be submitted to the general sessions court clerk in Lake County: Jessica Avery (731) 253-7137
9. **Any interviews, live reports, and/or stand-ups are NOT permitted in the courthouse building. Please plan on doing these segments outside.**

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