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**Nebraska
Public Media**

From the media

Bill Kelly

Nebraska Public Radio, senior producer



Austin Svehla

Norfolk Daily News, court reporter



Scott Buer

Chief photographer, KETV Omaha



From the Judiciary

Judge Jeffrey J. Funke

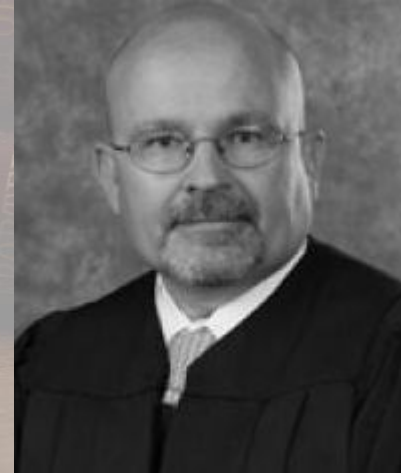
Supreme Court, 5th Judicial District



Judge Todd Hutton

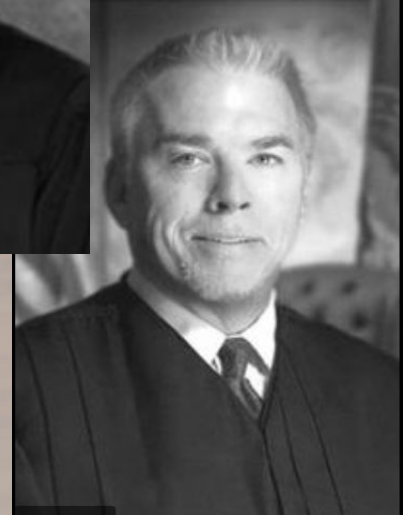
County Court, 2nd Judicial District

Cass, Otoe, Sarpy counties



Judge Gary Randall

Retired, Douglas County District Court

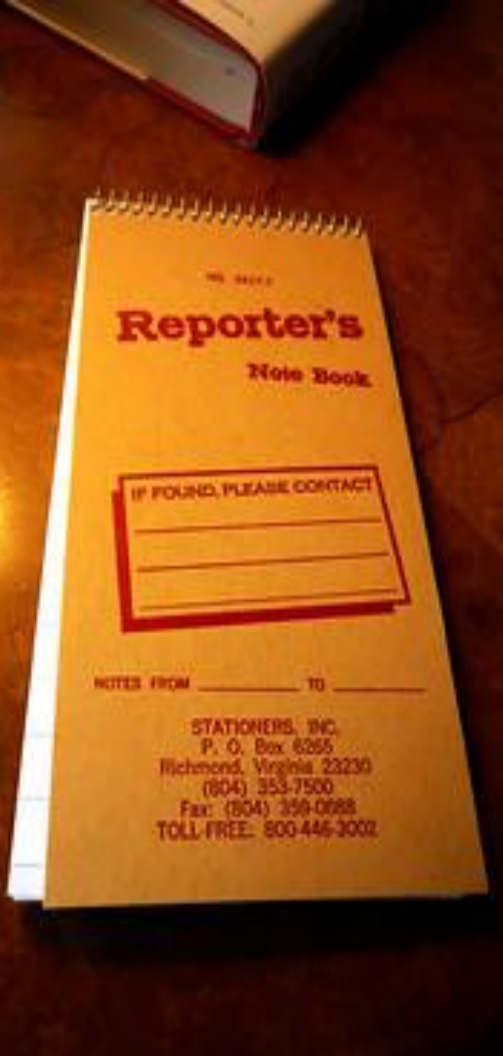


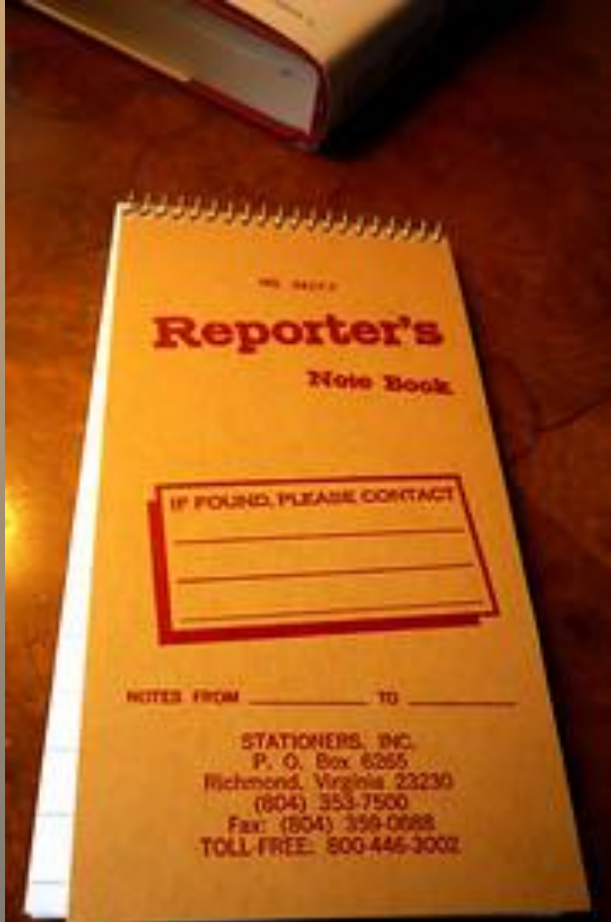
Welcome
Judge Hutton



Outline for today

- So you have to cover a trial
- Steps in process
- JUSTICE
- Legal language
- Courtroom etiquette
- Bench/Media guidelines
- Tips & Resources
- Q+A





So ...

You have to cover a trial

The Case

A Husker linebacker was involved in a July 4th crash that killed a fellow student, who was a passenger in his SUV, when it flipped on Interstate 80 just west of the Waverly exit.

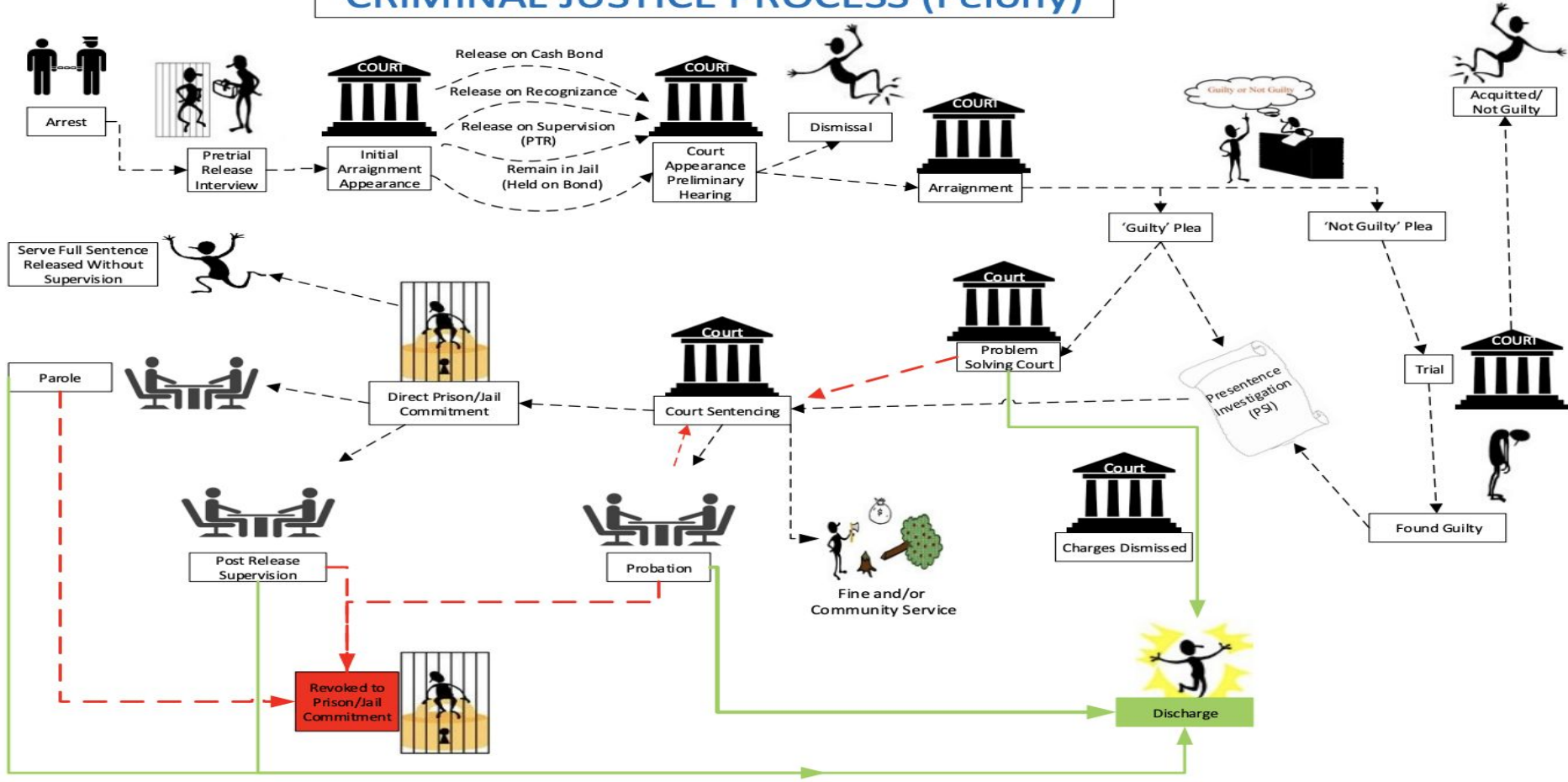
The player is being tried on felony vehicular homicide while under the influence.



But first .. before the trial:

- Arrest: local police
- Jail: local sheriff
- Felony charges: county prosecutor
- Arraignment: first appearance
- Various motions: defense and prosecutor
- Jury/bench trial: voir dire

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS (Felony)



Know before you go:

Where will the case be?

What judge?

What courtroom?

What can I say?

What can I do?

Where do I find this out – quickly?????

Types of Nebraska Courts

The Supreme Court

The Supreme Court's main responsibility is to look at cases from other courts to be sure that they didn't make any mistakes, and to see that the state's court and probation systems run smoothly. It also looks at all cases involving death penalty or life imprisonment or when the case is an appeal about the Constitution of the State of Nebraska.

The Supreme Court is also in charge of appointing lawyers in the State of Nebraska.

The Supreme Court has a Chief Justice and six associate justices. The six associate justices each come from a different area of the state called a district, and the Chief can come from anywhere in the state. The Governor appoints the justices from a list given to him by a special committee whose job is to recommend people to be judges.

The Court of Appeals

The Court of Appeals' job is to hear all appeals not involving penalties of death, or life in prison. So, whenever someone believes that rules were not properly followed in the lower court (usually a county or district court), they can have the court of appeals hear the case again, to see if anyone made any mistakes that could make them change the decision.

The Court of Appeals has six judges, one from each of the same six districts as the Supreme Court. One of these six judges is appointed by the Supreme Court as chief judge.

District Courts

There are 12 judicial districts and 56 district court judges to serve all 93 of Nebraska's counties. District Courts hear all serious criminal cases, many civil cases including divorce cases.



County Courts

The County Courts also have 12 judicial districts (some of which have only one county, and some have up to 17), there are 58 county court judges. County Courts handle all minor criminal cases, traffic violations, guardianship, adoption, and juvenile cases (unless there is a Separate Juvenile Court in the district).

Separate Juvenile Courts

The Separate Juvenile Courts only deal with crimes committed by youth under 18, and with children who have been abused or neglected by their parents.

Workers'

Compensation Court

The seven Workers' Compensation Court judges hold hearings in different towns across the state. They decide

cases where people have been injured on their job.

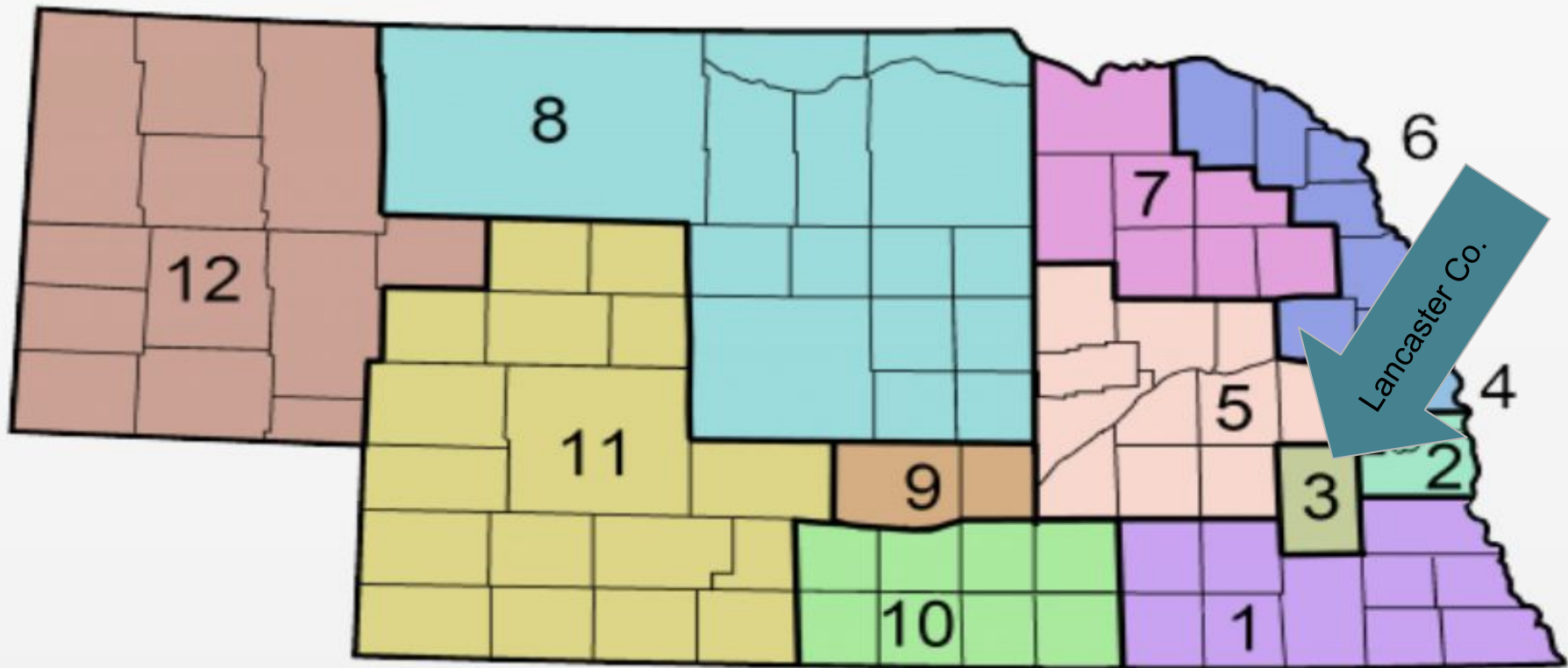
Drug & Problem Solving Courts

Nebraska has special courts for adults with drug problems, family drug treatment courts, and juvenile drug courts. Omaha has a special court just for young adults who commit crimes.

Drug and other problem solving courts operate through the regular trial court system, with county, juvenile, or district court judges.

Small Claims Court

Small claims court is a part of county court limited to non-criminal actions involving arguments over amounts of money owed, damage to property, or other smaller issues. Lawyers may not participate.



JUSTICE SYSTEM

The state's trial court management system.

Each case record includes such information as:

- Case summary
- Parties to the case
- Offense Information (criminal only)
- Financial information (costs/judgments assessed and paid)
- Register of actions – a listing of documents filed by attorneys, court hearings, judge orders entered, etc.
- Judge notes (if applicable)

Case records available through online searches are public record. Most court-filed documents are viewable online as electronic images. When viewing a case online, document images will be available as clickable link

Things to know

- Records are public
- One time case search \$15 up to 30 records
- Frequent searches? Get a [subscriber account](#)
 - Annual fee \$100
 - Up to 10 users on one password
- General searches are free
- Viewing details of a case are \$1/each
- Search by **Judgment Date** and/or **Court Case Number**. Each of these searches is a \$1 charge, with no additional charges for accessing document images.
- Video tutorial [is here](#)

Nebraska Judicial Branch



JUSTICE Search

The JUSTICE court case search system provides access to criminal, civil, traffic, juvenile, and probate cases filed in all 93 of Nebraska's county and district courts.

There is a 24 hour lag-time between when a new case is entered into the system, and when it appears on the search. Juvenile adjudication under the Nebraska Juvenile Code is not a conviction and does not disqualify the juvenile from future civil or military service. [See 43-280 Neb. Rev. Stat.](#)

The JUSTICE system can provide you with all of the public information on up to 30 cases, as it's been entered by the court. This information includes:

- ✦ **Case Detail**, such as the date and outcome of the trial, what the case was about, and who the judge was.
- ✦ **Party Listing**, including the plaintiff and defendant, and often times their associated attorneys as well.
- ✦ **Court Cost Information**, including all fees associated with the case.
- ✦ **Payments** by and to the Court.
- ✦ **Register of Actions**, so you can follow everything that's been done with the case up to, during, and after the case, should it have been recorded.

Important: Refer to the [Installation Dates](#) for each court to ensure the case information you are looking for will be available.

You will not be able to view court documents using this service. To view documents online you must be a [Nebraska.gov subscriber](#).



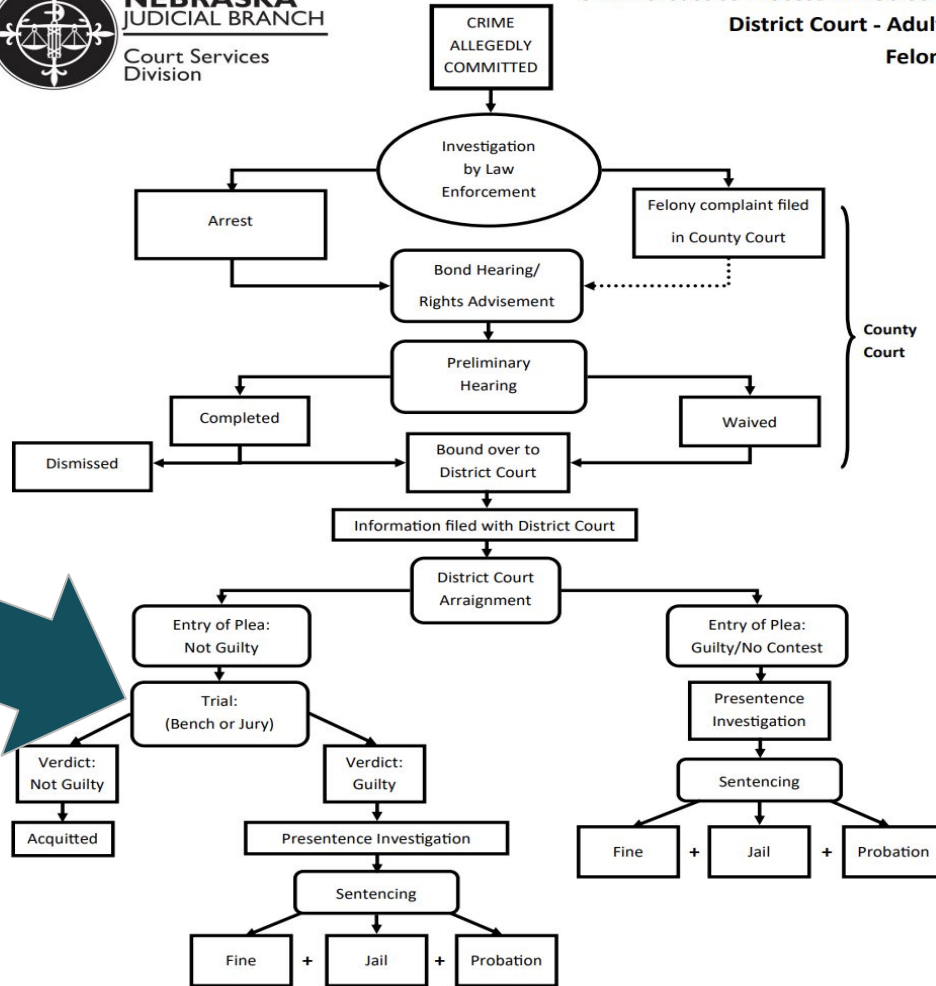
Credentialed or not

- You can cover your trial without a court credential
 - No laptops, no photos and no cellphone.
- But it's a really good idea to [fill the paperwork](#)
[PDF Version](#)
- Expanded Media Requests [must be filed for photo/video privileges](#) [PDF]

[List of credentialed media](#)



Questions?



We are at this stage



Photo courtesy: Lincoln Journal Star, pool

A trial's key moments + what to look for

- Key moments:
 - Opening/closing statements
 - What about jury: Voir Dire
 - Lots can happen before jurors are seated
 - Change in charges
 - Plea agreement
 - Jury instructions
 - Key witnesses (Obtaining a witness list)
 - Evidence and exhibits
 - How to obtain
 - Consider: Discretion, statements/evidence barred from consideration
 - Verdict
 - Sentencing

A wooden gavel with a brass band is positioned on the left side of the frame, resting on its base. To its right is a stack of several law books. The spines of the books are visible, with some text like 'FEDERAL REPORTER' and 'VOL. 240' and 'VOL. 255' partially legible. The entire scene is set on a wooden surface and is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark grey filter.

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Court records terms to know



Affidavit

A written statement of facts made under oath

Bond form

Signed by Defendant, promising to appear as scheduled; shows monetary amount or condition of pretrial release from custody

Citation

Electronic or handwritten ticket generally issued by law enforcement officer

Complaint

Formal charging document filed by prosecuting attorney

Information

An accusation of some criminal offense in the nature of an indictment, but which is presented by a competent public officer such as a county attorney instead of a grand jury.

More terms to know



Journal entry

This is the written record of a hearing's proceedings in summary form.

Motion

Application to court to obtain a ruling or order in favor of applicant

Pre-sentence Report (PSI)

Investigation of defendant completed by probation; contains personal information, criminal history, and screenings; designed to provide information to the Court for sentencing purposes. The PSI is confidential.

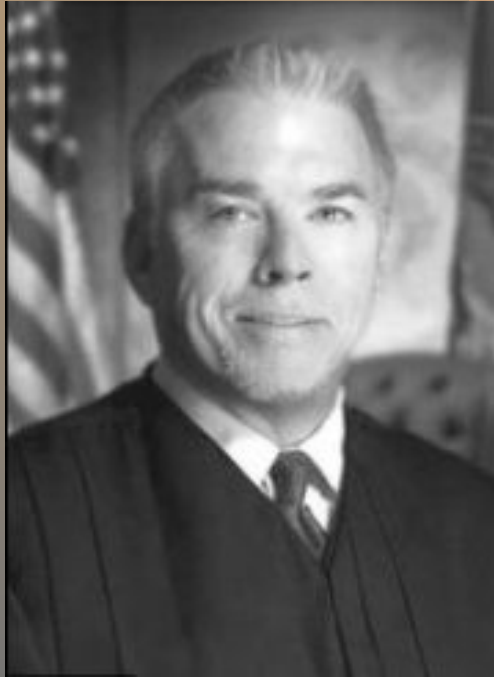
Pretrial Release

Conditions a defendant must adhere to between the time of filing of charges to court adjudication.

Probable Cause

A Constitutionally prescribed standard of proof; a reasonable ground for belief in the existence of certain facts.

Tips from
the bench
Judge Randall



NO. 34212

Reporter's

Note Book

IF FOUND, PLEASE CONTACT

NOTES FROM _____ TO _____

STATIONERS, INC.
P. O. Box 6265
Richmond, Virginia 23230
(804) 353-7500
Fax: (804) 359-0688
TOLL-FREE: 800-446-3002

Bench/Press Guidelines

It may seem old
fashioned ...

Call

Stop by

Ask questions





Questions?

Closing

Judge Funke



Before you go ... Take our survey

This is brief survey and will serve to help us craft future educational panels.

<https://forms.gle/5CPYESkqHFBhvBqVA>

It will only take a couple minutes.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND QUESTIONS

A gavel with a dark wooden handle and head, and a brass band, rests on a wooden surface. To its right is a stack of three law books. The top book has a red spine with gold lettering that reads "FEDERAL REPORTER". The middle book has a dark spine with gold lettering that reads "FEDERAL REPORTER". The bottom book has a dark spine with gold lettering that reads "VOL. 240" and "VOL. 255". The entire scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark grey filter.

Additional slides
Bill Kelly, Nebraska Public Media

Why you should be covering the courts

- Great stories
- Local stories
- Important stories
- Easy & newsworthy audio/video
- Visual content for your website
- Puts you in direct contact with sources



County and District Courts

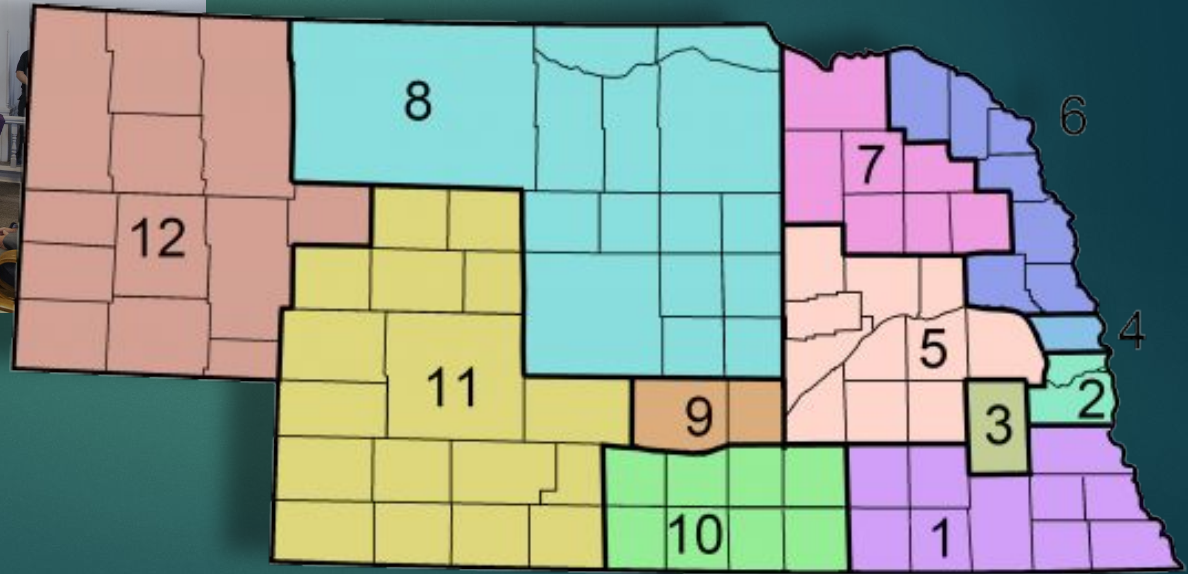


Photo: Bill Kelly

Court documents provide information

The Complaint



IN THE COUNTY COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

PATRICK W. SCHROEDER,
(d.o.b. 06-20-1977),

Defendant.

CR17-13

COMPLAINT

**COUNT I:
MURDER—FIRST DEGREE**

Statute: §28-303(1)
Penalty: §28-303

Class I or IA Felony

**COUNT II:
USE OF A WEAPON TO COMMIT
A FELONY**

Statute: §28-1205(1)
Penalty: §28-1205(1)(b)

Class II Felony

The complaint and information of Richard R. Smith, County Attorney of Johnson County aforesaid, made in the name of the State of Nebraska, within and for said County of Johnson, State of Nebraska, the 21st day of April, 2017, says that PATRICK W. SCHROEDER, 2725 N. Highway 50, Tecumseh, Nebraska, on or about the 15th day of April, 2017, in the County of Johnson, State of Nebraska, did then and there,

COUNT I

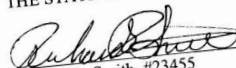
kill Terry Berry, Jr., purposely and with deliberate and premeditated malice,

COUNT II

use a deadly weapon to commit a felony which may be prosecuted in a court of this state, contrary to the form of the Statutes in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Nebraska.

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA,

by:


Richard R. Smith, #23455
Johnson County Attorney
PO Box 263
Tecumseh, NE 68450

FILED
BY THE CLERK OF COUNTY COURT

CR17-13

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The Affidavit

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Case No. NSP17-000006

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA,
Plaintiff,

vs.

PATRICK W. SCHROEDER,
DOB: 06/20/1977
Defendant,

STATE OF NEBRASKA
COUNTY OF JOHNSON

**APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT
FOR ARREST WARRANT**

COMES NOW, INVESTIGATOR STACIE L. LUNDGREN, A
age and first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and states as follows:


Your Affiant is a certified law enforcement officer and a Criminal
State Patrol currently stationed in Wahoo, Nebraska. Your Affiant has served
years, specifically as a Criminal Investigator with the Nebraska State Patrol for 7 years, and is
experienced in investigating misdemeanors and felonies, including but not limited to homicides,
physical assaults, domestic violence assaults, and sexual assaults.

Your Affiant has learned of the following facts through an investigation

Your Affiant contacted an investigating officer with NeDOC via phone, and through this
discussion was informed that **Berry may have been strangled by Schroeder with a towel** that was located
in their cell. The NeDOC investigator further informed Your Affiant that the towel was still in the cell,
and that the cell had already been sealed and secured. Your Affiant was additionally informed during
this call that Berry had been transported from the Johnson County Hospital in Tecumseh, Johnson
County, Nebraska, to Bryan Medical Center, West Campus, in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, so
more advanced medical care could be rendered to Berry.

WHEREFORE, Your Affiant does believe that, **based on the preceding information, probable
cause does exist to show that the crimes of Murder in the First Degree (Nebraska State Statute §28-
303), and Use of a Deadly Weapon to Commit a Felony (§28-1205) were committed, and prays the
Court to issue a Warrant for the arrest of PATRICK W. SCHROEDER, DOB: 06/20/1977.**

DATED this 21st day of April, 2017.


OFFICER NAME _____ 599

Court documents provide information

The Search Warrant

CC18-11
JAMES A. PARSONS, CLERK

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
) AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF
COUNTY OF OTOE) SEARCH WARRANT

COMES NOW the undersigned affiant, Deputy James Parsons, duly sworn upon his oath on this 21st day of April, 2018, states and alleges as follows:

1. I am employed with the Otoe County Sheriff's Department, Otoe County, Nebraska as a Deputy Sheriff and I am a Certified Law Enforcement Officer in the State of Nebraska.

2. I have been a Certified Law Enforcement Officer since the year 2000 and have completed all qualification and requirements to maintain my status as a Certified Law Enforcement Officer in the State of Nebraska and as a Deputy Sheriff for Otoe County, Nebraska.

3. Through my duties as an Deputy Sheriff for Otoe County, Nebraska, I have personal experience encountering livestock and other animals.

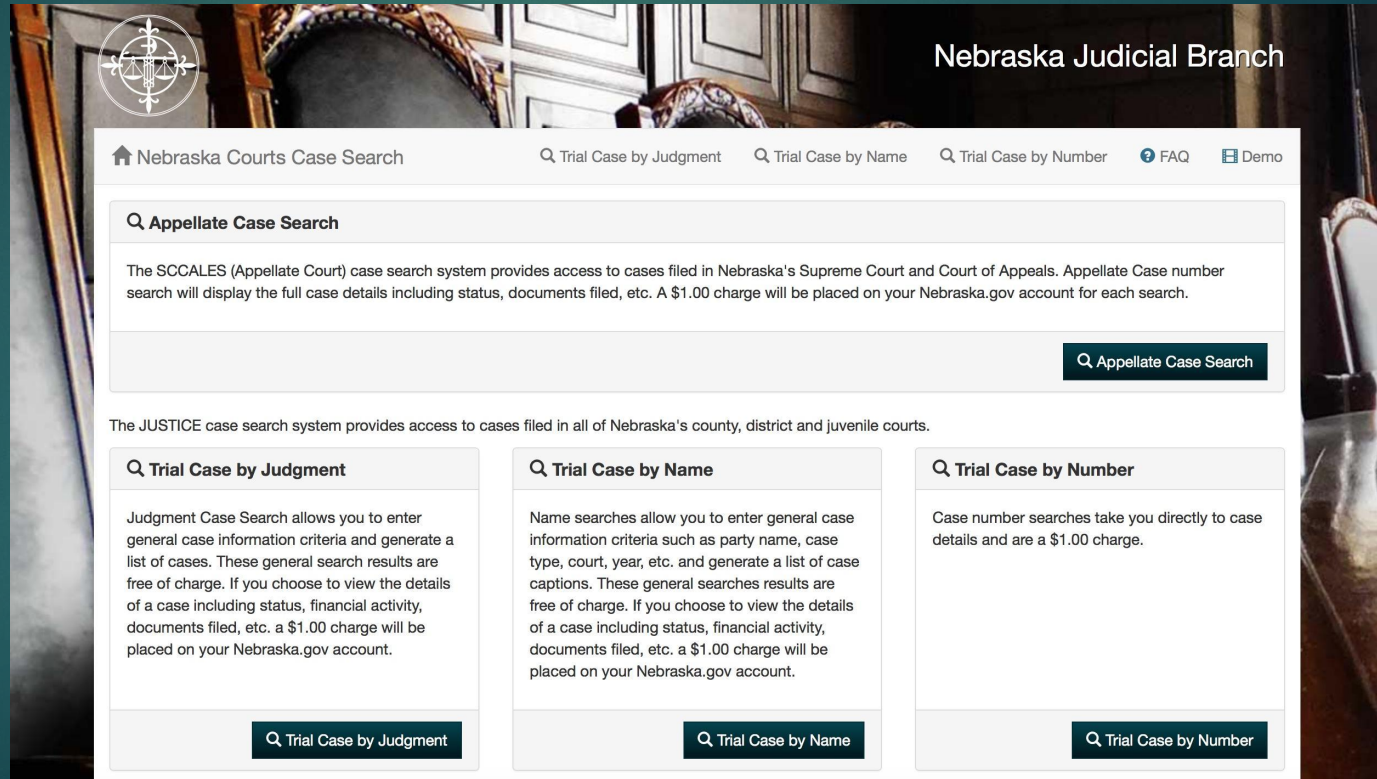
12. Due to my observations listed above, I believe further evidence of the crimes of Improper Disposal of a Carcass and/or of Abandonment or Cruel Neglect of Livestock Resulting in Death may be located in the outbuildings and residence located at 1742 F Road, Unadilla, Otoe County, Nebraska.

13. I request a search warrant for the following: all outbuildings and the residence located at 1742 F Road, Unadilla, Otoe County, Nebraska, and all persons found inside the outbuildings and residence for the purpose of discovering and seizing, to wit:

- a) animal carcasses;
- b) live animals;
- c) equipment used for the care of or destruction of animals;

Finding court documents:

<https://www.nebraska.gov/justice/index.shtml>



The screenshot displays the Nebraska Judicial Branch website interface. At the top left is the state seal of Nebraska. The header includes the text "Nebraska Judicial Branch" and a navigation menu with links for "Nebraska Courts Case Search", "Trial Case by Judgment", "Trial Case by Name", "Trial Case by Number", "FAQ", and "Demo".

The main content area features several search sections:

- Appellate Case Search:** A section titled "Appellate Case Search" with a sub-header "Appellate Case Search". It contains the text: "The SCCALES (Appellate Court) case search system provides access to cases filed in Nebraska's Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. Appellate Case number search will display the full case details including status, documents filed, etc. A \$1.00 charge will be placed on your Nebraska.gov account for each search." Below this text is a dark button labeled "Appellate Case Search".
- Trial Case by Judgment:** A section titled "Trial Case by Judgment" with a sub-header "Trial Case by Judgment". It contains the text: "Judgment Case Search allows you to enter general case information criteria and generate a list of cases. These general search results are free of charge. If you choose to view the details of a case including status, financial activity, documents filed, etc. a \$1.00 charge will be placed on your Nebraska.gov account." Below this text is a dark button labeled "Trial Case by Judgment".
- Trial Case by Name:** A section titled "Trial Case by Name" with a sub-header "Trial Case by Name". It contains the text: "Name searches allow you to enter general case information criteria such as party name, case type, court, year, etc. and generate a list of case captions. These general searches results are free of charge. If you choose to view the details of a case including status, financial activity, documents filed, etc. a \$1.00 charge will be placed on your Nebraska.gov account." Below this text is a dark button labeled "Trial Case by Name".
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Name Search:

Party Name <input type="text" value="Ramos, Eric"/> <small>Last Name, First Name, M, Suffix ⓘ</small>	Party Name is an: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Individual <input type="radio"/> Entity	County <input type="text" value="Johnson x"/>	Case Year <input type="text" value="2017"/> <small>Note on Douglas County District Court</small>
Court Type <input type="text" value="District Court x"/>	Case Type <input type="text" value="Criminal x"/>	Case Subtype ⓘ <input type="text" value="Choose a Subtype..."/>	
Judge <input type="text" value="Choose a Judge..."/>	Attorney Name <input type="text" value="Choose an Attorney..."/>	Sort By <input type="text" value="Sort By"/>	Sort Order <input type="radio"/> Ascending <input type="radio"/> Descending

Client Memo (Optional)

(Please Note: Making an entry in the Client Memo field is recommended for your billing and reconciliation purposes.)

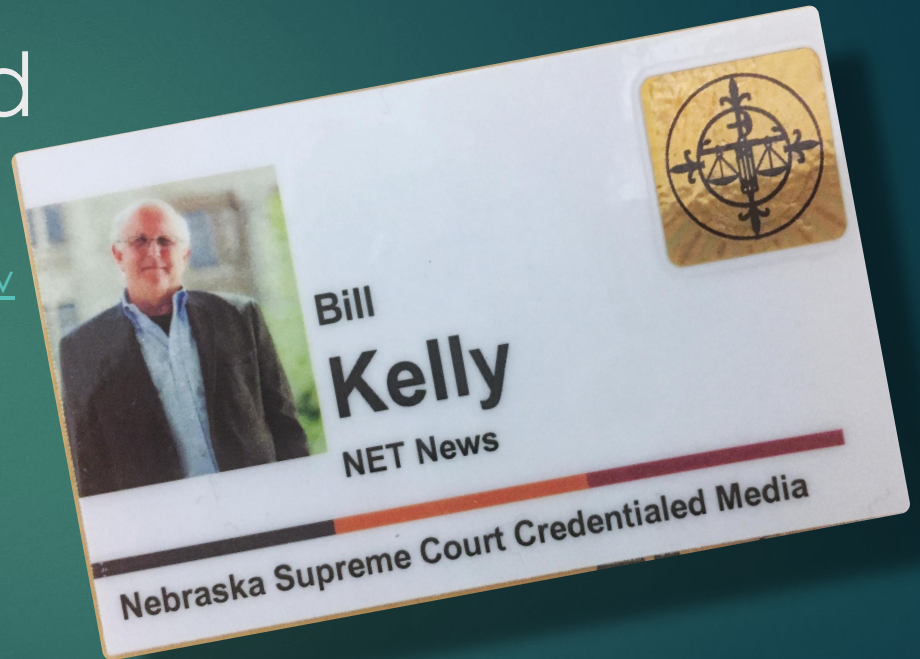
Get Credentialed

Go to

<https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov>

Media tab

Application and instructions



Expanded Media Request

- Hearings and Trials in County & District Courts
- Only needed for use of electronic devices
- Must be a credentialed journalist attending

Nebraska State Court Form REQUIRED	REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR EXPANDED NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE OF PROCEEDINGS	<input type="checkbox"/> Printing the form and handwriting the answers.
AD 1:01 REV: 07/2020 Neb. Ct. R. § 6-2004(B)(1)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completing the form electronically.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DAWSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA
DISTRICT DAWSON

State of Nebraska _____
_____ Plaintiff(s)
vs.
Kathleen E Jourdan _____
_____ Defendant(s)

Case No. 20-181

**REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR
EXPANDED NEWS MEDIA**

Is requestor capable of providing a pool feed, if necessary?

Sound recording equipment (List specific equipment):
digital audio recorder, two microphones, two mic stands, two cables.

• Is requestor capable of providing a pool feed, if necessary?
A device(s) for the limited purpose of tweeting or blogging during court

Beginning with the 02/09/2021 (date) hearing, news media requests permission for the following: (Must be granted unless otherwise specified)

Authority to:

- Video/audio record for traditional news stories and pool feed for other media.
- Use photographic equipment (List specific equipment): _____
- Use television/video camera (List specific equipment): _____
- Use sound/audio recording equipment (List specific equipment): digital audio recorder and cable

In addition, requestor would like to:

- Tweet/blog from inside the courtroom (does not include photos).
- Livestream to the public from the courtroom.
 - gavel-to-gavel
 - opening/closing statements
 - jury verdict (excluding polling)
 - sentencing
- Delayed gavel-to-gavel trial coverage.
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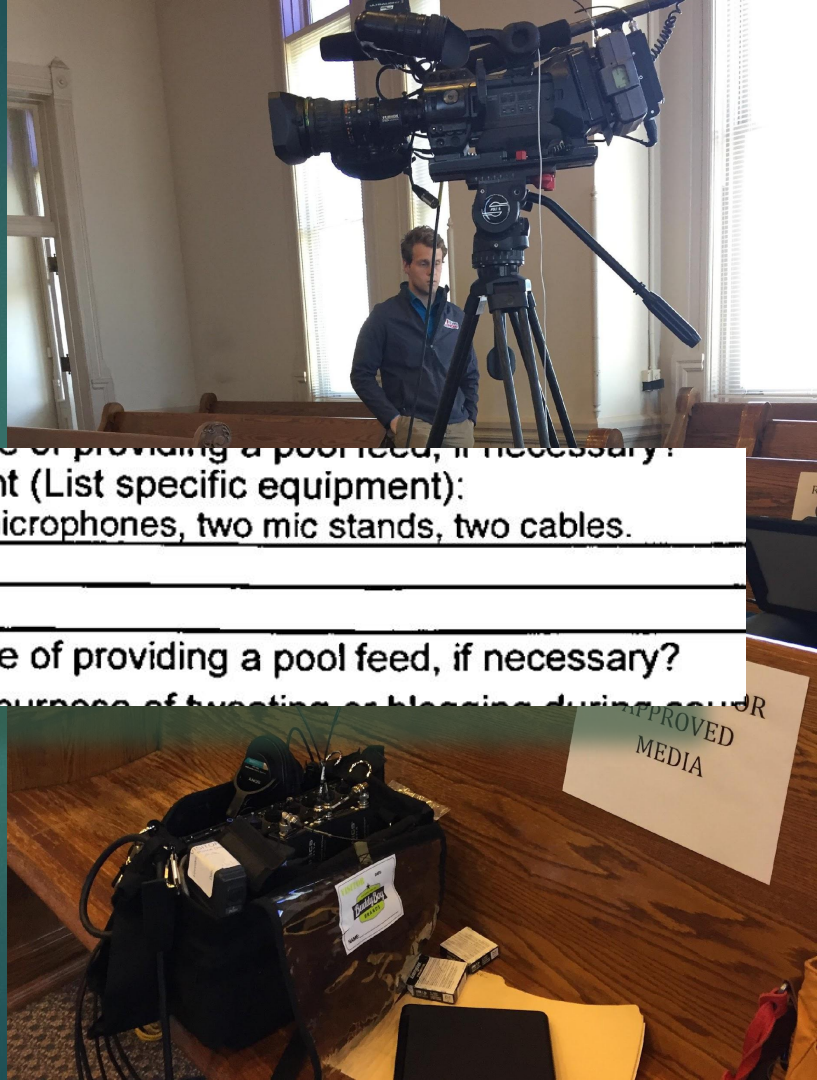
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- Authority to: 
- Video/audio record for traditional news stories and live feeds for other media.
- Use photographic equipment (List specific equipment): Digital Still Camera
- Use television/video camera (List specific equipment): _____
- Use sound/audio recording equipment (List specific equipment): digital audio recorder and cable
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Is requestor capable of providing a pool feed, if necessary?

A device(s) for the limited purpose of tweeting or blogging during court proceedings.



Expanded Media Request



Using Electronics for Social Media

Nebraska State Court Form
REQUIRED

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[Neb. Ct. R. § 6-2004\(B\)\(1\)](#)

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DISTRICT DAWSON

State of Nebraska _____ Case No. 20-181

Plaintiff(s)

VS.
Kathleen E Jourdan

Defendant(s)

**REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR
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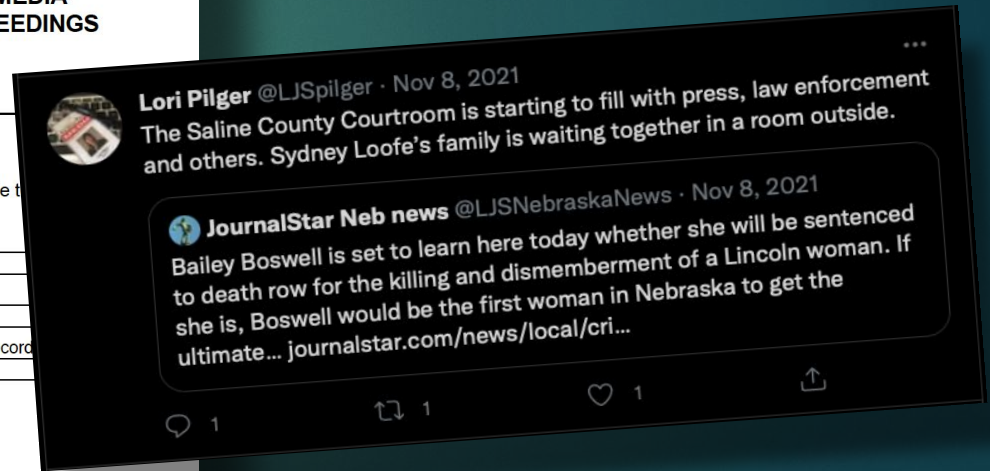
Beginning with the 02/09/2021 (date) hearing under Judge James Doyle IV
news media requests permission for the following: (Must mark all that apply)

Authority to:

- Video/audio record for traditional news stories. My station is/ is not able to feed for other media.
- Use photographic equipment (List specific equipment): Digital Still Camera
- Use television/video camera (List specific equipment): _____
- Use sound/audio recording equipment (List specific equipment): digital audio recording cable

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- Other: _____



Expanded Media Request

Judge can approve, deny or modify a media request

STATE OF NEBRASKA
DAWSON COUNTY

APR 16 2021

FILED BY BECKY BORYGA
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DAWSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

STATE OF NEBRASKA,)
)
Plaintiff,) Case No. CR20-181
)
vs.)
)
KATHLEEN JOURDAN,) ORDER GRANTING CONDITIONAL
) EXPANDED NEWS MEDIA
) COVERAGE OF PROCEEDING
Defendant,)

On April 16, 2021, the April 15, 2021 request of ABC (KH
(KFXL-TV) for expanded media coverage of a proceeding in the above ca
court. Upon consideration of such request, the court orders as follows:

1. Authority is granted to audio/video record for traditional
the proceeding to be held on May 11, 2021 and proceedings in the case on
be made in compliance with the terms of this order.
2. Such authority includes the use of photographic, televisio
equipment including a single video camera, a single still camera, a single tripod, a single
microphone, necessary cables and a laptop editor.

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equipment including a single video camera, a single still camera, a single tripod, a single
microphone, necessary cables and a laptop editor.
3. The authority does not include tweeting or blogging from inside the
courtroom.
4. If any audio, video, or photographic records are made under the authority of

Keep a calendar

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11	12	13	14	15
9:00 AM Ramos/ 1:30 PM INTV: Frakes 11:30 PM Attorney:	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail & Boswell; Saline	<input type="checkbox"/> Garcia Sentencing 10:30 AM All Staff &	<input type="checkbox"/> NE Supreme 7:00 PM Emmy	<input type="checkbox"/> NE Supreme 9:00 AM Ramos: 3:00 PM Courts Panel 7:30 PM Big Top

- ~ Hearing & Trial Dates
- ~Deadlines for attorneys to file documents
- ~Misc reminders to check the status of a case.
- ~For Trials start planning 2 weeks ahead!

Case tracking with a Spreadsheet

DEATH PENALTY					
Moore, Carey Dean	Doc 106 # 55	NE/Dist	Douglas	Request Death Warrant @ SupCourt	PENDING
Torres	4:17CV3078	FED		NE sentencing unconstitutional	
Torres	S-17-740	NE/App	Hall	On April Call	
Hessler	03 0000040	NE/Dist	Scotts Bluff		
Lotter	99 9000001	NE/Dist	Richardson	Appeal: intellectually disabled	AG Brief Due 05/31/2018
Lotter	17-001126	NE/App	Richardson		AG Brief Due 04/30/2018
Mata	99 0000037	NE/Dist	Scotts Bluff		
Galindo	02 0235	NE/Dist	Madison		
Vela	02 0236	NE/Dist	Madison		
Vela	4:18CV3046	FED		Appeal: intellectually disabled	
Sandavol	02 0000238	NE/Dist	Madison		Awaiting Judges opinion
Jenkins	13-2768	NE/Dist	Douglas		
Garcia	13-2322			May Sentencing Hearing	
Schroeder, Patrick	17-17	NE	Johnson	April Sentencing Hearing	
Griffith v. Dept Correctional Services	CI 18 0001026	NE/Dist	Lancaster	Execution Protocol	Relief Hearing 04/25/18

Show up!



Meet your court personnel.

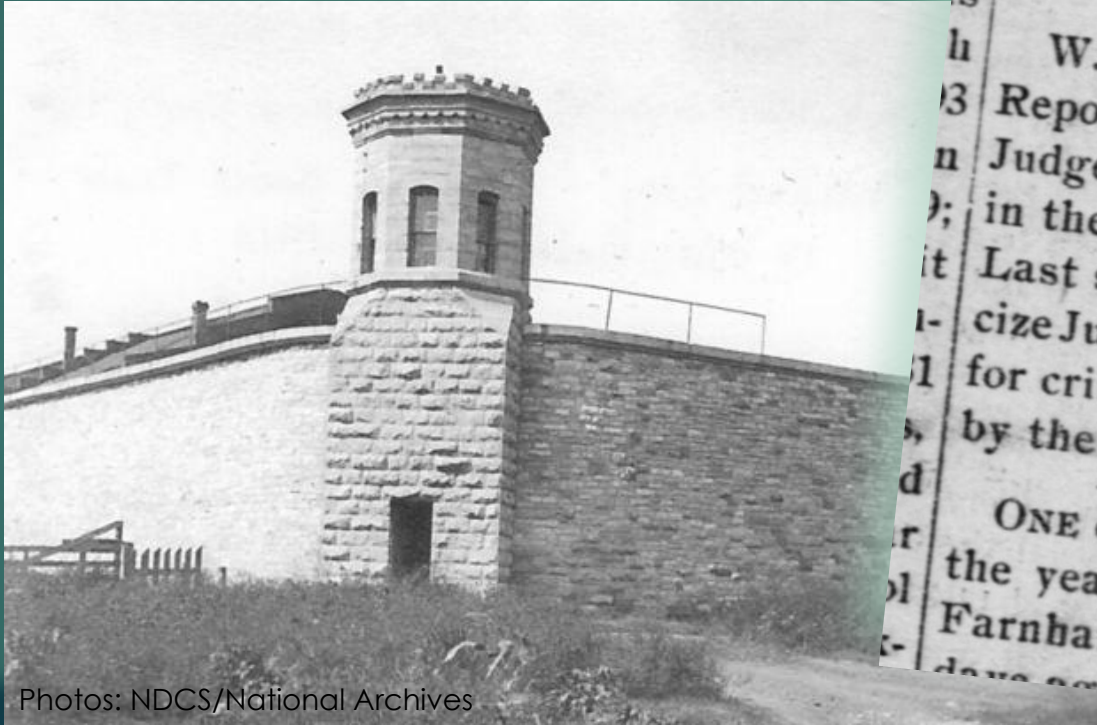
Clerks, bailiffs, judges, county attorney, public defenders

Going to Court

- The Judge is in charge of the courtroom
- Review court procedures and rules
- Be on time
- Look professional
- Remember what is at stake for participants
- Judges and staff cannot comment on cases



Judges and Reporters have not always gotten along.



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More resources & links referenced in today's presentation

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- Credentialing [protocol and application](#)
- [Request](#) for Expanded News Media Coverage
- Full court [media resource page](#)
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- Full list of court [reports & publications](#)

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Journalism-specific resources

Federal courts: A journalist's guide to U.S. federal courts

Poynter: On the Beat: Covering the Courts | 6 tips for reporters tracking state legal cases

Society of Professional Journalists: FOI and the Courts | Reporter's Toolbox

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