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**COMMONWEALTH**

v.

**KAREN READ**

**COMMONWEALTH'S MOTION TO DISABLE ABILITY OF OBSERVERS ON  
REMOTE PLATFORMS FROM BEING HEARD IN COURTROOM AND  
COMMONWEALTH'S REQUEST FOR NOTICE REGARDING TELEVISION  
CAMERAS**

The Commonwealth respectfully requests that should this Court elect to use digital media to stream the trial, the Court use Webex or a similar platform that controls disruptions. In previous hearings, persons observing via the Zoom platform have inadvertently unmuted and broadcasted audio into the courtroom and intentionally disrupted the proceedings with audible outbursts. It is the Commonwealth's understanding that because of the interplay between FTR and the Zoom platform, it is not possible to simply mute all remote participants.

Since switching to a Webex platform, it appears the Court has had greater success in controlling disruptions. However, the Commonwealth requests that the Court explore any additional options to eliminate disruptions from remote observers during this trial; such as (1) disconnecting or turning the volume of the courtroom speaker all the way down or (2) connecting a headset, rather than a speaker so any sound from a remote observer is not heard in the courtroom or by the jury.

Notably, persons observing this trial, either in person or remotely are observers only. They are not participants and at no time should they be heard by the judge, the parties, the jury, or anyone in the courtroom.

Moreover, the Commonwealth moves for advanced notice of whether the Court intends to permit any television cameras in the courtroom during the trial and if so, to what extent or limitations. See S.J.C. Rule 1:19 (b) (“A judge may impose other limitations necessary to protect the right of any party to a fair trial or the safety and well-being of any party, witness or juror, or to avoid unduly distracting participants or detracting from the dignity and decorum of the proceedings.”)

Respectfully Submitted,  
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