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TO: Press and General Public
FROM: Randolph County Sheriff Shannon L. Wolff
DATE: 02/27/2015
RE: *People v. Drew Peterson* Court Operational Plan

Judge Richard Brown and Sheriff Shannon Wolff have set the following rules and regulations for members of the media and the general public seeking to attend the *People v. Drew Peterson* preliminary hearing at 10 a.m. on March 3, 2015. Note: These rules and regulations are set primarily for the purposes of the preliminary hearing and are subject to change at the discretion of the Judge and Sheriff as this case proceeds.

Media Attendance

The Randolph County Sheriff's Office is working to accommodate as many credentialed media outlets as possible on the day of the preliminary hearing, though space is limited due to the size of the courtroom. Media will be selected by a random lottery drawing conducted by the Randolph County Sheriff's Office.

Outlets that wish to attend the hearing must submit an email to mpossley@atg.state.il.us by **3 p.m. Friday, February 27, 2015**. Emails must include the reporter's full name, media outlet, and desk and cell phone numbers. The Sheriff will conduct the drawing, and media requestors will be notified by end of business Friday, February 27, if they have been selected in the random lottery.

General Public Attendance

The Randolph County Courthouse opens to the public at 8 a.m. Members of the public who wish to attend the hearing must report to the 4th Floor of the Courthouse by 8:30 a.m. on March 3, 2015, to submit their names to the Sheriff's Office to qualify for a random lottery selection. At 9 a.m., the Sheriff's Office will conduct a random lottery and notify the selected entrants.

Courthouse Entrance and General Access

All media and members of the general public must enter main courthouse doors on the northeast side of the building and proceed through security.

Reporters and crew must present valid press credentials upon entrance. Media credentials must be visible at all times.

No electronics, including cell phones, laptops, cameras or other audio or visual media equipment, are permitted inside courthouse. Please note: This policy may be amended in the event of a trial for members of the media covering the case. Options are being reviewed for possible overflow room space and use of electronics in this area for credentialed media outlets.

For the preliminary hearing, photos, video or audio recording will not be permitted anywhere in the courthouse.

Proper attire is required – no offensive/prejudicial clothing.

Parking

Lot A, Lot D, State Street and Taylor Street are designated passenger vehicle parking areas available to the press and public on a first-come, first-served basis. Consult attached map of the area.

Lot B and Buena Vista Street located behind the courthouse are designated parking areas for Randolph County employee parking only. The press and public are prohibited from parking in these areas.

Lot C is designated as a foot access-only area for the press and public. Lot C will be barricaded, and the press and public should remain behind the barricade for safety reasons.

Lot E is a privately owned lot being made available to the press for additional parking. Lot E is the closest area to the courthouse where news vans and other large vehicles may be parked if necessary. Lot E is fee parking only. Contact (618) 826-5021 for fee amounts and additional information.

Additional Information

This information and subsequent updates can be found on www.randolphco.org. Additional questions concerning courthouse operations, parking, and logistics should be referred to Randolph County Sheriff's Office Public Information Deputy Donnie Krull at DrewPetersonCourt@randolphco.org or (618) 826-5484 Ext. 504.