

ADNAN SYED,

Appellant,

v.

STATE OF MARYLAND

Appellee.

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IN THE

COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS

OF MARYLAND

No. 2519,

SEPTEMBER TERM, 2013

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STATE OF MARYLAND,

Appellant/Cross-Appellee,

v.

ADNAN SYED,

Appellee/Cross-Appellant.

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IN THE

COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS

OF MARYLAND

No. 1396,

SEPTEMBER TERM, 2016

SECURITY/MEDIA PROTOCOL ORDER

Oral argument¹ in the above-captioned appeals is scheduled to take place on June 8, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. in Courtroom 1 on the second floor of the Robert C. Murphy Courts of

¹ Oral argument is a time-limited opportunity for attorneys for the parties to orally explain the arguments advanced in their written briefs, and to respond to questions from the Court about those arguments. Pursuant to this Court’s Order dated May 30, 2017, oral argument is limited to 30 minutes per side. No witness testimony will be presented at oral argument, and the Court’s decision in the above-captioned appeals will not be made that day. Instead, the Court’s decision will be contained in a written opinion, which will be filed on a later date.

Appeal Building (“Courts of Appeal Building”), 361 Rowe Boulevard, Annapolis, Maryland 21401. To preserve the security and dignity of the Court and to accommodate the public interest in the above-captioned appeals, it is this th 30 day of May 2017, by the Court of Special Appeals,

ORDERED, that

1. All media inquiries shall be directed to the media liaison. Kevin Kane, Director of the Maryland Judiciary Office of Communications and Public Affairs (telephone number: 410-260-1564; email address: kevin.kane@mdcourts.gov), is designated as the Court’s media liaison for purposes of this Order. In his absence, Terri Charles, Deputy Director of the Maryland Judiciary Office of Communications and Public Affairs (telephone number: 410-260-1486; email address: terri.charles@mdcourts.gov), will act as the media liaison for purposes of this Order.
2. Pursuant to Maryland Rule 18-102.10, which governs the conduct of judges and court personnel under their direction and control, no employee of the Maryland Judiciary, including, but not limited to, members of the Court of Special Appeals and their staff, and employees of the Clerk’s Office, shall be contacted and/or interviewed regarding the above-captioned appeals. All contact concerning the above-captioned appeals shall be directed to the media liaison as provided in Paragraph 1.
3. Keith Bageant, Deputy Director of the Maryland Judiciary Office of Security Administration (“Security Administrator”), is responsible for maintaining

security in and around the Courts of Appeal Building. All persons shall comply with the instructions of the Security Administrator and of other security personnel² concerning security measures in and around the Courts of Appeal Building.

4. All persons entering the Courts of Appeal Building shall adhere to security procedures as directed by the Security Administrator, which include, but are not limited to, a pass through electronic security devices and the submission of any equipment or belongings to search procedures conducted by security personnel. To expedite entry, all persons shall refrain from bringing backpacks or extra bags into the Courts of Appeal Building. Bags and backpacks that are larger than 18" x 13" x 7" will not be permitted in Courtroom 1.
5. Security personnel will control visitor movement inside and outside the Courts of Appeal Building on the day of the oral argument, including, but not limited to, the waiting area for admission to Courtroom 1. The Security Administrator will establish procedures to govern orderly entry into and exit from the Courts of Appeal Building and Courtroom 1.
6. Restrictions regarding electronic devices³ and their use are as follows:

² Security personnel include all law enforcement officers.

³ For purposes of this Order,

‘Electronic device’ means (A) a cell phone, a computer, and any other device that is capable of transmitting, receiving, or recording

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- a. It is prohibited to use any electronic device: (1) to take or record a photograph, video, or other visual image; (2) to create an audio recording; and/or (3) to transmit a photograph, video, or other visual image while in the Courts of Appeal Building, except as provided in Paragraph 13.
 - b. All persons shall turn off all electronic devices while in Courtroom 1. During court proceedings, no electronic device shall be used in any manner.
 - c. Security personnel may inspect any electronic device for misuse. Security personnel may confiscate any electronic device if it appears to be in use in violation of this Order. Court and security personnel are not liable for any damage to or loss of electronic devices.
7. The Court will determine the capacity for Courtroom 1 and make seating available to the media and public.
 8. A portion of Courtroom 1 seating will be set aside for members of the media and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Each media outlet will be

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messages, images, sounds, data, or other information by electronic means or that, in appearance, purports to be a cell phone, computer, or such other device; and (B) a camera, regardless of whether it operates electronically, mechanically, or otherwise and regardless of whether images are recorded by using digital technology, film, light-sensitive plates, or other means. 'Electronic device' does not include court equipment used by judicial officials or personnel.

Md. Rule 16-208(a)(2).

allotted one seat. Members of the media must reserve a seat by emailing the Maryland Judiciary Office of Communications and Public Affairs at communications@mdcourts.gov. That Office will allocate seats on a first come, first served basis upon receipt of a request and will communicate to the Security Administrator the names of media members allotted reserved seats.

9. The remaining seating in Courtroom 1 will be made available to members of the public on a first come, first served basis. The Court will not provide overflow seating.
10. Once oral argument commences, any person who leaves Courtroom 1 will not be permitted readmission.
11. No food or drink is permitted in Courtroom 1.
12. No person shall disturb, disrupt, or in any way interfere with the court proceedings in the above-captioned appeals, whether inside or outside of Courtroom 1.
13. Media conferences, interviews, and/or broadcasting are prohibited inside the Courts of Appeal Building except in those areas specifically designated by the Security Administrator. Media conferences, interviews, and/or broadcasting outside of the Courts of Appeals Building on Judiciary property are permitted only in those areas designated by the Security Administrator.
14. Persons shall not impede foot traffic on the sidewalks around the Courts of Appeal Building or obstruct access to the Courts of Appeal Building.

15. Parking restrictions will be strictly enforced. Limited parking spaces for media trucks will be designated by the Security Administrator. General public parking will be available at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, Gate 7, 550 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
16. Security personnel are authorized to enforce compliance with this Order and are entitled (1) to remove any person who fails to comply with its terms from Courtroom 1 and/or from the Courts of Appeal Building, and (2) to ban such person from the Courts of Appeal property. Violations of this Order may also subject the violator to revocation of all media privileges.
17. This Order is subject to modification by the Court at any time.

**CHIEF JUDGE'S SIGNATURE
APPEARS ON ORIGINAL ORDER**

PATRICK L. WOODWARD, CHIEF JUDGE