

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

CHESHIRE, SS.

KEENE DISTRICT COURT

Docket No. 08-CR-4255

State of New Hampshire

Ian H. Bernard

ORDER RE: POOL COVERAGE

Rule 1.4 of the District Court Rules defines the extent to which the Court can authorize media coverage, whether by still photography, audio-only recording, or video recording. The Court has received at least two requests for access to the courtroom for purposes of creating video recordings of the proceedings in this case. Furthermore, at the Defendant's arraignment there were at least three video cameras observed to be operating. The Court considers this to be disruptive of the proper and orderly administration of justice. Accordingly, the Court hereby exercises its discretion under Rule 1.4 (e) to require pool coverage. A copy of the Rule is attached hereto for reference. Strict adherence to all the provisions of Rule 1.4 is, of course, required at all times.

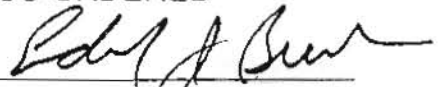
Given that this Order does not accord the media sufficient time to arrange for pool coverage, the case will be continued on the Court's motion. The case is rescheduled for Friday, November 14, 2008, at 1:30 P.M.

Pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1.4 (d), if any person objects to the presence of video cameras in the courtroom, they may object, in which case the Court may conduct an evidentiary hearing.

The parties are reminded that Rule 1.4 and the procedures it sets forth "apply to all court procedures conducted outside the courtroom or court facility." District Court Rule 1.4 (d).

October 24, 2008

SO ORDERED


Edward J. Burke, Justice