

CAUSE NO. 1616871

THE STATE OF TEXAS

VS.

AARON YORK DEAN

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TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS  
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IN THE 297<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL

DISTRICT COURT OF

TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

**ORDER REGARDING PUBLICITY RESTRICTIONS**

Whereas the above-numbered and -styled cause is currently pending before the 297th Judicial District Court of Tarrant County, Texas;

Whereas the Court has entered separate findings regarding the extensive publicity surrounding the said cause;

The Court finds that the out-of-court statements relating to the investigation and pretrial matters of this cause pose a serious and imminent threat to the Defendant's constitutional right to a fair trial, the ability of the Court to maintain a fair and impartial jury, and to the fair administration of justice.

The Court further finds that other less restrictive means will not adequately protect the Defendant's right to a fair trial and the interest in the State and the Defendant in a fair and impartial jury. The Court therefore issues the following order:

Any attorney participating in, or any attorney associated with the trial of this cause, their office associates, assistants, staff members, investigators and employees under their supervision, as well as the Defendant and any personnel of the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office, shall not furnish any statement or information, or make or authorize the making of an extrajudicial statement that a reasonable person would expect to be disseminated by means of public communication, if the person making the statement knows or reasonably should know that it will have a substantial likelihood of materially prejudicing the trial of this case, pose a serious threat to the constitutional guarantees to a fair trial, or impair the Court's ability to impanel a fair and impartial jury. Such statements and information include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. statements concerning the expected testimony of the Defendant or any witness, or the character, reputation or credibility of the Defendant, any witness, or any attorney involved in the case or members of their office;
2. statements concerning the existence or contents of any statement given by the Defendant herein, or the refusal or failure of any person related to this case to make a statement;
3. statements concerning the nature of any evidence which may be presented, or the performance of any tests, the results thereof, or the refusal to perform or to allow to be performed any examination or test;
4. the identity or nature of any physical evidence expected to be presented;

5. any opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the Defendant; or
6. any information the person knows or reasonably should know is likely to be inadmissible as evidence at trial and would, if disclosed, create a substantial risk of prejudicing an impartial trial or the ability of the Court to maintain a fair and impartial jury.

The attorneys involved in this case shall not make or authorize the making of any statements in violation of Rule 3.07 of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

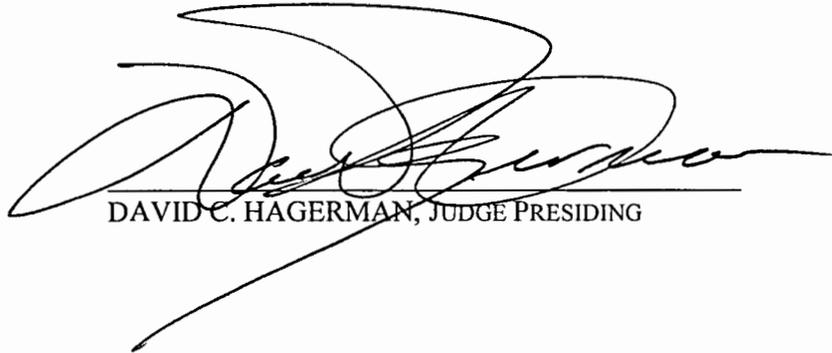
An attorney or other person subject to this order is not prohibited by virtue of this order from making out-of-court statements reciting, without comment, information contained in public records, the scheduling or result of any hearing, the general nature of the proceedings, or any other statement which would not violate the provisions of this order.

Members of the press shall not be prohibited from reporting news accounts concerning this case, or from writing about this case. This order does not restrict the publication or broadcasting by members of the press, or the news media of any information not otherwise prohibited by law. Nor shall this Order be construed to restrict the press or public's access to public documents.

This order also applies to any lawyer who represents any witness or family member of the victim or the defendant.

This order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until final disposition of the said case or until further orders of this Court are issued. Anyone violating this order is subject to being held in contempt of court punishable by confinement in the county jail for up to six months and/or a fine not to exceed \$500.

**SIGNED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.



DAVID C. HAGERMAN, JUDGE PRESIDING