

IN

**08:08 am, Oct 13, 2016**

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CLERK OF COURTS

ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO  
GENERAL DIVISION**

**STATE OF OHIO,**

**Plaintiff,**

**CASE NO. 16-CRI-187**

**vs.**

**SHAWN M. GRATE,**

**Defendant.**

**JUDGMENT ENTRY (JE7)**

Upon consideration of the joint motion for a gag order in the above captioned case, the Court finds the motion to be well taken and hereby enters the following orders:

1. Counsel for the parties may not discuss the merits of this case with representatives of the news media, to include:
  - a. Facts of the case that are not in publicly filed records;
  - b. Evidence of the case;
  - c. Any statements surrounding credibility or truthfulness of the Defendant, investigating officers, or witnesses; and
  - d. Potential theories of the case.
2. Counsel shall not make any public statements regarding this matter unless same are made on the Court record.
3. Counsel shall not provide any statements or information to any source which may in any way influence any pretrial publicity in this respective matter.
4. Nothing in this order shall restrict the release of public records.

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5. Defendant may not speak to the news media, to include:
  - a. Conducting interviews in person or by phone;
  - b. Sending letters to news media outlets; and
  - c. Sending letters to anyone other than legal counsel that discuss the case.
6. The Ashland County Sheriff and his deputies shall take the necessary precautions to enforce the conditions of this order that relate the Defendant, to include:
  - a. Screening Defendant's mail, other than letters to and from legal counsel;
  - b. Screening Defendant's telephone calls, other than calls to and from legal counsel; and
  - c. Prohibiting members of the news media from visiting the Defendant at the jail.
7. A copy of the foregoing Gag Order shall be delivered to:

The Ashland County Prosecuting Attorney  
Counsel for Defendant  
The Ashland County Sheriff

It is so ordered.



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Ronald P. Forsthoefel, Judge