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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON )

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS )  
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT )

Indictment No.: 2015-GS-10-03466

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, )  
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**ORDER REGARDING MEDIA )  
COVERAGE OF COURT )  
PROCEEDINGS )**

MICHAELTHOMAS SLAGER, )

DEFENDANT. )  
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In addition to the provisions and limitations of Rule 605, SCACR, the Court hereby issues the following Order regarding media coverage of the above trial:

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. All ELECTRONICS, including laptops and telephones, must be turned off inside of the courtroom.
2. Media seating in the courtroom is limited to 8-10 seats. Local media outlets shall be given priority seating.
3. The Charleston County Public Information Office must rotate non-local media daily to provide all media outlets the opportunity for seating in the courtroom.

**CAMERA COVERAGE**

4. One fixed/remote camera will be allowed in the courtroom with live

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feed provided by CNN.

5. One pool still photographer will be allowed in the courtroom. The taking of photographs by the still photographer will be allowed only during the first fifteen (15) minutes of the proceedings daily.

#### **VIDEO STREAMING**

6. The trial will be live streamed into the court media room where reporters will be allowed to use electronic devices. Live stream will also be provided into the jury assembly room. The jury assembly room is designated as an extension of the courtroom and court rules of decorum apply.
7. Electronic devices are prohibited in the jury assembly room.

#### **OTHER RULES**

8. The media shall be prohibited from photographing or identifying jurors.
9. There shall be no media coverage during jury roll call and there shall be no video or still photography during jury qualifications.
10. The media, at no time, shall publish the names of jurors.
11. There shall be no additional media coverage inside of the Charleston County Judicial Center, including a prohibition against photography, video, and audio recordings.
12. Any interviews or recordings must take place outside of the Charleston County Judicial Center.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.



Clifton Newman  
Presiding Judge

October 11, 2016  
Charleston, South Carolina.

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