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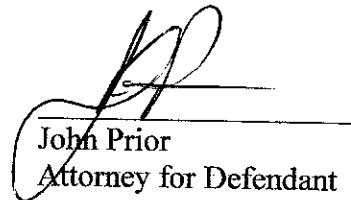
**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF  
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF FREMONT**

STATE OF IDAHO,	)	
	)	CASE NO. CR22-20-0755
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	<b>RESPONSE TO MOTION</b>
	)	<b>TO RECONSIDER</b>
vs.	)	
	)	
CHAD GUY DAYBELL	)	
	)	
Defendant	)	
_____	)	

COMES NOW John Prior, counsel for the Defendant in response to Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider. Defense counsel believes the court made an appropriate decision and took the time and consideration to draft an order that considers the needs of the defendant and the public. The prosecution is correct that there has been an overwhelming amount of local interest and attention to this case and statewide and national coverage. The issue of venue for a potential trial is an issue to be addressed at a later hearing. The state and local law enforcement have both made public statements and appeared on camera presenting their opinions and analysis in a very public way. The local community has placed signs on the entrance into St Anthony. I have observed a

number of signs and references to this case in my travels throughout Fremont and Madison County, including the blue ribbons placed at the entrance of the Madison County Courthouse and entrance to the prosecuting attorney's office in Madison County. At no time has my office made any media appearances or made any public statements to the media. I believe my client should be afforded a fair and unbiased hearing without drawing an overwhelming amount of attention to this case. The difficulty in this matter is that the amount of local attention has been overwhelming. The court needs to properly balance the rights of the Mr. Daybell and protect the public's right to know. I believe the court has two options to address the issues of protecting Mr. Daybell's rights and the public's right to view the proceedings in a public way. The court's current decision and order in this case is the most appropriate way to address these concerns. Another way to address these concerns, would be to open the courthouse to the public and allow people to view the proceedings taking into consideration the current health pandemic. I believe the courts current order regarding the upcoming preliminary hearing should remain in place.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2020



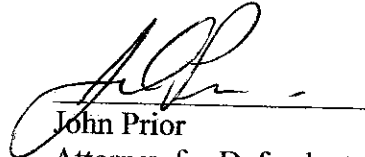
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE:** This certifies that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing instrument was delivered to the office of the FREMONT COUNTY SPECIAL PROSECUTING ATTORNEY by odyssey court efile to Robert H. Wood Madison County Prosecuting Attorney

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Dated this 23rd day of July 2020

  
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