



## Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

# MEDIA RELEASE



## TENSING RE-TRIAL PROCEDURES

**Hamilton County, Ohio, May 24, 2017** – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil announces procedures for the trial in *State of Ohio v. Raymond Tensing* scheduled to begin with jury selection on Tuesday, May 30, 2017. Opening statements are not expected to begin until later in the week.

The Tensing trial is open to the public on a first come first served basis. The courtroom has a maximum seating capacity established by the Cincinnati Fire Department. Space is very limited and lines are expected. To ensure greater public access, the Court has ordered an overflow viewing room in the Hamilton County Courthouse. "Live video streaming" of the trial will be broadcast in the overflow viewing room located on the fifth floor of the Courthouse.

There will be a comprehensive secondary screening of individuals entering Judge Ghiz's courtroom. Individuals entering the secondary screening are required to provide state issued identification in order to proceed past the secondary screening location.

The Sheriff's Office will enforce trial court Judge Leslie Ghiz's orders throughout the Ray Tensing trial proceedings. The Court's Order requires that all cell phones and electronic devices be locked in a Sheriff's Office issued secured pouch prior to entering the courtroom. The pouch will be unlocked when the individual exits the courtroom. All electronic devices that are not able to be secured in the pouch will be prohibited in the courtroom. It is suggested individuals planning on entering Judge Ghiz's courtroom during the Tensing Trial refrain from bringing any electronic devices into the courthouse.

Pursuant to Judge Ghiz's orders, only representatives of FCC licensed media outlets or representatives of otherwise nationally recognized news/wire services are permitted to record or broadcast court proceedings. Authorized media representatives must apply for permission to broadcast court proceedings via the Hamilton County Court Administrator located in Room 410 of the Hamilton County Courthouse.

The Sheriff's Office and Court recognizes the right of all individuals to peacefully protest outside the courthouse. However no protest will be permitted inside the courthouse, or other county buildings, and the Sheriff's Office will ensure proper decorum is maintained within the courthouse.

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