

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

In re: Extended Media Coverage Pilot Project)	
21st Judicial Circuit -)	M.R. 2634
Kankakee County)	

ORDER

Effective immediately and until further order, pursuant to the Court's general administrative and supervisory authority over all courts, it is hereby ordered that the Twenty-First Judicial Circuit is approved to permit extended media coverage on an experimental basis in accordance with the Court's Policy for Extended Media Coverage in the Circuit Courts of Illinois, and shall be limited to felony cases heard at the Kankakee County Courthouse located at 450 East Court Street in Kankakee, Illinois, consistent with the request of the Chief Judge of the Twenty-First Judicial Circuit.

It is further ordered that reporting is required as part of the pilot project as follows.

- a. The judge presiding in a trial court proceeding where extended media coverage has been permitted shall file a written report with the Chief Judge, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court Justice of the District where the judicial circuit is located within a reasonable time after the date each permitted extended media coverage is concluded. The report shall, at a minimum, contain the type of extended media coverage; the date, time, location and nature of the proceeding covered; a statement of any problems encountered; and any other information relevant to the extended media coverage of the proceeding. All reports shall be confidential and may contain the reporting judge's observations, comments or recommendations concerning extended media coverage. The Chief Judge may supplement the report with the Chief Judge's observations, comments and recommendations.
- b. The Chief Judge shall provide a monthly written report to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court Justice of the District where the judicial circuit is located. The report shall, at a minimum, contain the number of requests for extended media coverage received during the past month, including the number of requests allowed and the number of requests denied; the category of the case; and the type of extended media coverage requested. Reports of the Chief Judge shall be confidential and may contain the Chief Judge's observations, comments or recommendations concerning extended media coverage.

Order entered by the Court.