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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LOVE COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

State of Oklahoma,	)	Case No. CF-16-194
Plaintiff,	)	
Vs.	)	
Marion Joe Russell,	)	
Defendant.	)	

**ORDER PROHIBITING EXTRAJUDICIAL STATEMENTS**

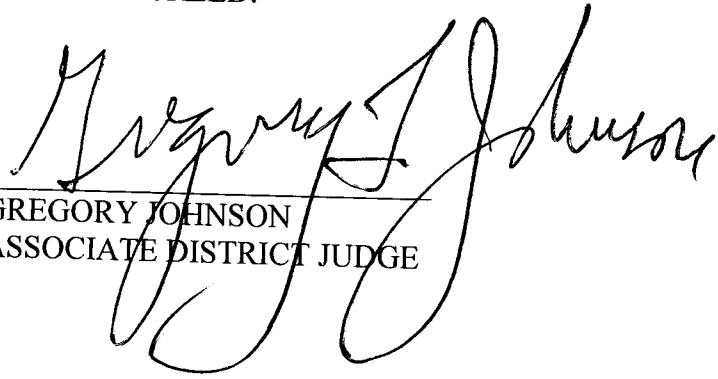
The above entitled cause comes on hearing on Defendant's Motion for Gag Order. The defendant appears in person and with counsel, Gary R. Brown. The State appears by Kathryn R. Savage, Assistant Attorney General and Sean Hill, Assistant Attorney General.

THE COURT FINDS that there is a reasonable likelihood of prejudice to both the State's and the Defendant's right to a fair trial without a gag order in place. All possible alternatives considered by this Court, including highly scrutinized voir dire process, cautionary instructions, change of venue, continuance, and/or jury sequestration would undoubtedly help but not assure a fair trial in this matter.

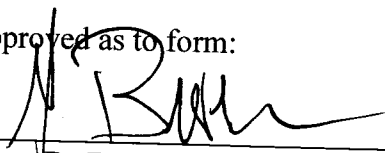
THEREFORE, THE COURT ORDERS that all parties and lawyers involved in this matter are prohibited from making extrajudicial public comments to news reporters, media representatives, or in any other manner of forum reasonably likely to be publicly disseminated or published when such statement addresses the merits of the charges or any defense or defenses to these charges, any evidence anticipated to be introduced at trial or at any pre-trial hearing, the past or anticipated future rulings of this Court on any matters related to the trial other than scheduling, and any opinion on past or anticipated future rulings of the Court on any factual or legal issue which is material in this case. All counsel involved in this proceeding are reminded of the Rules of Professional Conduct, specifically, but not limited to, Rule 1.6 and Rule 1.8.

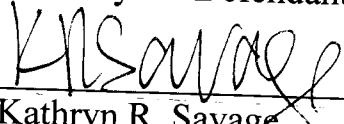
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED.

DATED this 2nd day of August, 2016.

  
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 GREGORY JOHNSON  
 ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE

Approved as to form:

  
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 Gary R. Brown  
 Attorney for Defendant

  
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 Kathryn R. Savage  
 Assistant Attorney General