

ATTACHMENT 4

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CRIMINAL DIVISION**

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	:	
	:	Docket No.: 2018 CTF 017464
v.	:	Court Date: January 22, 2019
	:	Courtroom 116
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RICKY WISEMAN	:	

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA’S MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER CONCERNING
THE DISCLOSURE AND USE OF UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE STREET
VIDEO**

The District of Columbia (“District”), by and through its attorney, the Office of the Attorney General, hereby moves for a protective order concerning the disclosure and use of United States Capitol Police (“USCP”) street video. In support of its motion, the District makes the following representations:

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On November 28, 2018, the defendant was charged with Driving Under the Influence (“DUI”), in violation of D.C. Code § 50-2206.11(2014 Repl.), and Operating a Vehicle While Impaired (“OWI”), in violation of D.C. Code § 50-2206.14 (2014 Repl.). The case is set for status on January 22, 2019. On December 26, 2018, undersigned counsel received a copy of street video footage related to this case. For national security reasons, as indicated below, the District now files its motion for a protective order.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On November 1, 2018, at approximately 11:01 p.m., Ricky Wiseman (“defendant”) was arrested for impaired driving after he was observed exiting the C-Street garage of the U.S. House of Representatives Cannon building, located at 25 Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C.

ARGUMENT

THE COURT HAS DISCRETION TO ISSUE THE PROTECTIVE ORDER IN THIS CASE.

The Court has discretion to issue the protective order given the parameters the government requests. *See, e.g., Douglas Oil Co. v. Petrol Stops Northwest*, 441 U.S. 211, 219 (1979) (recognizing the need to protect confidential sources in criminal investigations); *Black v. Sheraton Corp. of America*, 184 U.S. App. D.C. 46, 60-61, 564 F.2d 531, 545-46 (1977) (same). Courts also have recognized the importance of protecting investigative techniques. *Id.* at 60-61, 564 F.2d at 545-46. *Harris v. United States*, 594 A.2d 546, 548-49 (D.C. 1991) is instructive. In *Harris*, the Court issued a protective order to defense counsel prohibiting him from sharing a video-taped statement with the defendant, but allowed defense to speak to the defendant regarding the substance of the information. *Id.* The Court held that “[a] restriction on defense counsel that prevents him from revealing what is possibly *Jencks* material does not materially interfere with counsel's duty to advise a defendant on trial-related matters.” *Id.*, 594 A.2d at 549, citing *State v. Schaeffer*, 217 Neb. 4, 6, 346 N.W.2d 701, 703 (1984) (“It is difficult to equate denial of the right to speak to a client with a prohibition against disclosure of the contents of a nonrelevant document...”). Furthermore, the Court found that this restriction was reasonable. It went on to hold that “the trial court imposed the temporary restriction on defense counsel to allow him the opportunity to review the tape before the trial court ruled on the government's request for a protective order. The trial court's procedure enabled counsel to argue the next day against the issuance of a protective order.” *Id.*, 594 A.2d at 549, relying on *United States v. Eniola*, 282 U.S.App.D.C. 176, 181, 893 F.2d 383, 388 (1990) (“The essence of the sixth amendment threshold is whether defense counsel has demonstrated that the [argued] defense has

legitimate potential such that [defense counsel] is entitled freely to discuss the strategies with his client for attempting to prove the defense.”).

Here, the release of Capitol security street videos could compromise USCP’s ability to protect the Capitol. The USCP’s primary mission is to police the United States Capitol Buildings and Grounds,¹ and it has the power to enforce the laws of the District of Columbia pursuant to 2 U.S.C. §1961. As part of its policing responsibilities, the USCP maintains and controls a series of video surveillance cameras throughout the Capitol Grounds. The purpose of the cameras is to assist in the maintenance of national security by detecting threats to U.S. Congressmen, their staff, and constituents, deterring and preventing terrorism, and providing for the safety and security of the Capitol Buildings and Grounds. The cameras are generally not used to collect evidence in criminal matters.

The release of security information by USCP is governed by 2 U.S.C. § 1979 (b):

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any security information in the possession of the Capitol Police may be released by the Capitol Police to another entity, including an individual, only if the Capitol Police Board determine in consultation with other appropriate law enforcement officials, experts in security preparedness, and appropriate committees of Congress, that the release of security information will not compromise the security and safety of the Capitol buildings and grounds or any individual whose protection and safety is under the jurisdiction of the Capitol Police.

“Security information” is defined as any information that is “sensitive with respect to the policing, protection, physical security, intelligence, counterterrorism actions, or emergency preparedness and response relating to Congress ... and the Capitol building and grounds” which is obtained by the Capitol Police. 2 U.S.C. § 1979 (a). The locations and capabilities of the

¹ The streets and physical locations included in USCP’s jurisdiction are outlined in 2 U.S.C. § 1967 (b).

street cameras fall under this definition of security information, as this information directly concerns the policing and protection of the Capitol grounds.

Revealing the locations and capabilities of these cameras could jeopardize USCP's mission to protect the Capitol grounds. The dissemination of information concerning the location and technical capabilities, including the ability to focus, pan, and zoom on a moving or stationary object, as well as information about the image quality will aid people who are intent on finding weaknesses in the United States' ability to protect the Capitol buildings, grounds, and individuals whose protection and safety is under the jurisdiction of the Capitol Police. In the past year the District has prosecuted hundreds of impaired driving cases brought by Capitol Police. Even assuming that many of these arrests were not caught on video and that some of the arrests occurred at the same locations, the systematic release of all of these Capitol security videos in the future would compromise the ability of USCP to protect the Capitol.

The District acknowledges that pursuant to its duty under Super Ct. Crim. R. P. 16, street video obtained by USCP may be discoverable. In *Howard v. United States*, 656 A.2d 1106, 1111 (D.C. 1995), the Court also allowed reasonable issuance of a protective order. The Court held

Before trial, the prosecutor, out of concern for his obligations under *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83, 10 L. Ed. 2d 215, 83 S. Ct. 1194 (1963), informed the court and defense counsel that Derrick Ross was a suspect in an unrelated armed robbery, although there was no basis for believing that Ross was aware he was under suspicion. The court ruled that this information was too attenuated to fall within the demands of *Brady*. The court issued a protective order prohibiting defense counsel from discussing this information with appellant Howard and from using it as a basis for cross-examining Ross. On appeal, Howard contends that this protective order violated his Sixth Amendment right to counsel, as well as his rights under the Confrontation Clause. We find no abuse of discretion in the court's issuance of this protective order.

Howard, 656 A.2d 1106, at 1111 relying on *United States v. Anderson*, 509 F.2d 724, 730 (9th Cir. 1975) ("the district court can and should, when appropriate, place defense counsel under

enforceable orders against unwarranted disclosure of the evidence that he has heard.”). The government seeks to impose a similar reasonable restriction in this case. Preventing the defense from sharing the locations of these cameras does not interfere with the defendant’s rights to confer with counsel or assist with his defense.

The Court should balance the public safety interest of protecting our elected officials with the defendant’s right to prepare his defense by issuing a protective order that permits the defendant to prepare for trial and litigate the case but which limits the defendant, and his counsel, from reproducing the videos or using them for any reason not directly related to the litigation of this matter. Thus, the District respectfully asks this Court to issue a protective order pursuant to Super Ct. Crim. R. P. 16 (d), which would control the disclosure and use of the street camera video by the defendant and defense counsel.

A protective order is required in this case because the release of USCP security street videos could compromise USCP’s ability to protect the Capitol. Therefore, the government requests that the Court order that when the defendant obtains a copy of the street video, he shall not use this video for any other case or purpose and that his defense counsel shall only be allowed to show the video to the defendant and any investigators working on the case. The government also requests that the Court order that neither defense counsel, his investigators, nor the defendant are to reproduce, share, disseminate, nor discuss with any person not named by the Court in the requested protective order, the depictions shown in the street video. This order should include that all shall be identified to the government and they shall sign a protective order to be prepared by the government which precludes the dissemination to any other person of the disclosed information; "disclosed information" includes any later acquired information derived from the initial disclosure. Finally, the government requests that the Court order that defense

counsel must return the street video to the Office of the Attorney General after the later of a plea, trial or sentencing in the above-entitled case.

This protective order would serve the security interests of USCP in protecting our elected officials while allowing the District to comply with its Rule 16 obligations.

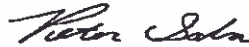
CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing facts and arguments, the District respectfully requests that this Court grant the District's motion for a protective order concerning the use, reproduction, and disclosure of the United States Capitol Police street video.

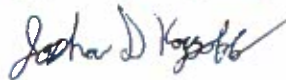
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