

DISTRICT COURT, ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO	
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Plaintiff(s) ALLISON SHERRY et al. v. Defendant(s) ADAMS COUNTY CORONER	
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	Case Number: 2022CV31201 Division: W Courtroom:
Order re Show Cause Hearing	

This matter was before the Court today for a hearing on the Order to Show Cause, issued September 6, 2022. Plaintiffs and Defendant appeared with counsel. The Colorado Attorney General, representing the People, appeared as an intervening party. The parties offered argument on the record, and agreed the matters before the Court were legal disputes that did not require testimony. After considering the parties' arguments, relevant portions of the case file, and the applicable law, the Court made its findings and orders on the record.

There is no dispute about whether autopsy reports are subject to production under the Colorado Open Records Act. Instead, the issue is whether and how such reports are to be produced in light of the Order Authorizing Release of Grand Jury Materials, issued January 14, 2021 by the District Court for the City and County of Denver, and the Oath Defendant swore in regard to the same. The January 14 Order precludes Defendant from disclosing or disseminating certain information. It does not shield Defendant from providing documents in response to open records act requests. Put another way, Defendant must redact information from the documents to comply with the January 14 Order and her Oath, but she may not refuse to produce documents entirely.

Based on these and other findings made on the record, the Court orders Defendant to respond to Plaintiffs' request under the Colorado Open Records Act by producing records, making such redactions as Defendant determines are necessary to comply with the January 14 Order and her Oath of Compliance. Responsive records shall be provided to Plaintiffs within 7 days of this Order.

Issue Date: 9/16/2022



KYLE SEEDORF
District Court Judge