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IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF UTAH  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, ST. GEORGE DEPARTMENT

BY 

STATE OF UTAH,

Plaintiff,

vs.

WARREN STEED JEFFS,

Defendant.

ORDER REGARDING EXTRAJUDICIAL  
STATEMENTS

Case No. 061500526

Judge James L. Shumate

This Court is aware of reports in certain media outlets of an anonymous "law enforcement source" who has disclosed and discussed confidential information about Mr. Jeffs and other matters in this case. These reports do not establish that a law enforcement agent is in fact the purported source; however, the Court emphasizes that the prosecution, defense, and all persons connected with them have a duty to refrain from making public statements that may interfere with the administration of justice and this defendant's right to a fair trial before an unbiased jury. Under Rule 3.6(a) of the Utah Code of Judicial Administration,

A lawyer who is participating or has participated in the investigation or litigation of a matter shall not make an extrajudicial statement that the lawyer knows or reasonably should know will be disseminated by means of public communication and will have a substantial likelihood of materially prejudicing an adjudicative proceeding in the matter.

As a corollary, Rule 3.8(e) states that the prosecutor's office shall


Exercise reasonable care to prevent investigators, law enforcement personnel, employees or other persons assisting or associated with the prosecutor in a criminal case from

making an extrajudicial statement that the prosecutor would be prohibited from making under Rule 3.6.

It is therefore ORDERED that counsel for the prosecution, counsel for the defense, their agents, and all members of associated agencies shall not discuss with the press any matter pertaining to the evidence in this case and shall make no statement otherwise improper under the above-cited rules.

DATED this 25 day of May, 2007.

**BY THE COURT:**

  
The Honorable James L. Shurgate  
Fifth District Court Judge