

IN RE: SEALED ARREST WARRANT	:	IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
PURSUANT TO PA. R. CRIM. P. 513.1	:	OF PENNSYLVANIA
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APPEAL OF: THE HERALD STANDARD-	:	
UNIONTOWN NEWSPAPERS. INC,	:	
MON VALLEY INDEPENDENT.,	:	
AND OBSERVER REPORTER	:	No. 21 WDA 2023

STATUS UPDATE REGARDING PRELIMINARY HEARING

The Herald-Standard – Uniontown Newspapers, Inc. (“Herald-Standard”), the Mon Valley Independent (“MVI”), and the Observer-Reporter (collectively, “Media Intervenors”) file this status update to inform the Court of changed circumstances in the above-referenced case.

1. Criminal defendant Keven Van Lam¹ was present in the Westmoreland County Court of Common Pleas on October 18, 2023 for a preliminary hearing before Magisterial District Judge Wayne Vlasic.
2. Mr. Lam was represented by counsel and provided by an AOPC-approved Vietnamese language interpreter.
3. Undersigned counsel listened to the audio of the proceeding via a Webex connection provided by Christopher A. Haidze, Esq., Special Courts Administrator, Westmoreland County.
4. The Commonwealth presented the testimony of a Rostraver Township police officer and a detective of the Westmoreland County District Attorney’s office.
5. Following the hearing, during which a video of Mr. Lam’s interrogation was shown, Magisterial District Judge Vlasic held over for the Court of Common Pleas all charges pending against Mr. Lam -- (1) 18 § 2502 §§ A – Murder of the First Degree; (2) 18 §

¹ Mr. Lam was designated a Participant in the instant case by order of the Superior Court dated January 6, 2023.

2501 §§ A – Criminal Homicide; (3) 18 § 2501 §§ A – Criminal Homicide; and (4) 18 § 4910 §§ 1 – Tamper With/Fabricate Physical Evidence.

6. This Court’s February 8, 2023 order indicated that the Court would issue a longer opinion only after a preliminary hearing was held and that “All sealed information shall remain under seal until the time of the preliminary hearing scheduled in the matter of *Commonwealth v. Keven Van Lam.*”

7. The preliminary hearing in this matter has now been held.

WHEREFORE, Media Intervenors respectfully request that the Court issue the longer opinion which was held in abeyance pending the preliminary hearing in this matter.

Dated: October 18, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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I also certify that I have served the foregoing document upon the person listed on the date and in the manner indicated below, which satisfies the requirements of Pa.R.A.P. 121:

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