

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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MECKLENBURG COUNTY

In The General Court Of Justice  
Superior Court Division

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

Name Of Plaintiff

Julia Coin / The Charlotte Observer

BY: R. Smith

VERSUS

Name Of Defendant

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department

**ORDER REGARDING RELEASE OF CUSTODIAL  
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY RECORDING**

G.S. 132-1.4A(g)

This matter came before the undersigned Superior Court Judge to determine whether release of a law enforcement agency recording is warranted under Chapter 132 of the General Statutes. Following a hearing, the Court makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

- On 11/12/2025 (date) the plaintiff named above filed a civil action seeking release of a custodial law enforcement agency recording to Julia Coin by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department.
- Each person entitled to be notified of this proceeding pursuant to G.S. 132-1.4A(g) (i.e., the head of the custodial law enforcement agency, the district attorney, and all law enforcement agency personnel whose image or voice is in the recording and the head of each such person's employing agency) ☒ was ☐ was not given notice and an opportunity to be heard, either individually or by such person's designated representative.
- The Court conducted an in-camera review of the recording on 11/14/2025 (date).
- The recording ☒ was made ☐ was made in some portion ☐ was not made in this county.
- The Court considered the applicability of all of the standards in G.S. 132-1.4A(g) and determined the following:
  - ☒ Release is necessary to advance a compelling public interest.
  - ☐ The recording contains information that is otherwise confidential or exempt from disclosure or release under State or federal law.
  - ☐ The person requesting release is seeking to obtain evidence to determine legal issues in a current or potential court proceeding.
  - ☐ Release would reveal information regarding a person that is of a highly sensitive personal nature.
  - ☐ Release may harm the reputation or jeopardize the safety of a person.
  - ☐ Release would create a serious threat to the fair, impartial, and orderly administration of justice.
  - ☐ Confidentiality is necessary to protect either an active or inactive internal or criminal investigation or potential internal or criminal investigation.
  - ☒ There is good cause shown to release all portions of a recording.
  - ☒ Other (if applicable): See attached additional considerations deemed relevant in the Court's discretion.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

In light of the foregoing findings of fact, (check one and write name of party authorized or not authorized to release of the recording)

- ☒ The Court concludes that Julia Coin is authorized to the release of the recording.
- ☐ The Court concludes that \_\_\_\_\_ is not authorized to the release of the recording.

(Over)

**ORDER**

It is therefore Ordered that *(check one)*

☒ **Release Granted:**

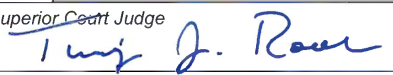
The custodial law enforcement agency shall release to Julia Coin  
the following portions of the recording: *(list, and indicate if all portions are to be released)* eight (8) custodial law enforcement agency  
recordings listed under CMPD complaint number 20250119-2122-01, subject to redactions as ordered by the Court.

The court places the following conditions/restrictions on the release of the recording: CMPD shall redact video #4 as ordered by  
the Court. Redactions of video #4 by CMPD shall begin promptly and be completed expeditiously before 11/21/25 at 5:00 pm.  
Additional conditions and restrictions on the release of the recordings are set forth below.

☐ **Release Denied:**

The custodial law enforcement agency shall not release any portion of the recording to \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE**

Date	Name Of Superior Court Judge (type or print)	Signature Of Superior Court Judge
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Additional conditions/restrictions: As soon as practical but no later than seven (7) calendar days from the completion of the redactions (no later than 11/28/25 at 5:00 pm), CMPD shall disclose the recordings to City Council during closed session prior to release, per G.S. 143-318.11(10). Per this Court's order of mutual release, the recordings shall be released to Petitioner Julia Coin within twenty-four (24) hours after the disclosure to City Council, and CMPD shall be authorized to publicly release the recordings upon release of said recordings to the Petitioner Julia Coin.

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Other standards and considerations deemed relevant under N.C.G.S. Section 132-1.4A, subsection (g) in the Court's discretion and weighing in favor of release:

1. Most of the interactions depicted in the video and including statements made by Decarlos Brown occurred in a public place.
2. Much of the content depicted is already in the public discourse through media coverage and from statements of family members of the Defendant.
3. Pretrial coverage has been extensive as it relates to this Defendant and his pending charges for murder, and the content of these videos poses little additional threat to the fair, impartial and orderly administration of justice.

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The Honorable Timothy J. Rooks  
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**List of law enforcement video:**

- 1) Axon Body 3 Video 2025-1-19-2040
- 2) Axon Body 3 Video 2025-1-19-2146
- 3) Axon Body 3 Video 2025-1-19-2207
- 4) Axon Body 3 Video 2025-1-19-2212
- 5) Misuse 911
- 6) Mis-use\_911
- 7) Misuse 911-2
- 8) Mis-use 911-2

**Restrictions and Limitations:**

Video #1: None  
Video #2: None  
Video #3: None  
Video #4: Yes, see attachment  
Video #5: None  
Video #6: None  
Video #7: None  
Video #8: None

Restrictions and Limitations for Video #4:

- a. Delete video starting @ 22:13:54 and ending @ 22:14:15 (leave audio intact)  
Basis: Shows in car computer with officer log in. Audio is deemed sufficient in the Court's discretion.
- b. Delete audio starting @ 22:37:40 and ending @ 22:38:24 (leave video intact)  
Basis: Unrelated
- c. Delete video starting @ 22:38:25 and ending @ 22:40:55 (leave audio)  
Basis: Booking area with multiple people and officers who were not identified or notified. Audio is deemed sufficient in the Court's discretion.

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The Honorable Timothy J. Rooks  
Superior Court Judge presiding