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Subject: Appealing clerk magistrate denial of access to Hovan show cause hearing
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Hello Judge Sharkansky,

My name is Anastasia Lennon and I'm a reporter with the New Bedford Light. Thank you for permitting our outlet to use a photographer, in addition to the other news outlet that already had a still camera, during the bench trial of Keith Hovan.

I'm writing to appeal a denial of access to a show cause hearing, issued by Clerk Magistrate Daryl Manchester yesterday. On Dec. 21, I submitted a motion to access the Keith Hovan show cause hearing scheduled for Jan. 10. I understand show cause hearings in this state are presumptively closed to the public (I also understand the reasoning). However, [citing court standards](#), I argue the public's interest in the legal proceedings of the head of one of the region's largest healthcare systems outweighs Mr. Hovan's right to privacy. I also argue the case and its details have already gained publicity (through several news reports published by several local and Boston-based news outlets).

There is also a Change.org petition in which people have made public comments on Hovan's ammunition: <https://www.change.org/p/south-coast-board-of-trustees-and-attorney-general-maura-healey-southcoast-health-ceo-keith-hovan-wife-beater-should-not-lead-our-hospital-system?redirect=false>

The public is fully aware of the allegations and the parties involved. Now, the public wants to know how the court will handle the ammunition allegation.

Please see attached a copy of the original motion I filed with Magistrate Manchester. I am appealing his decision with you, as judge, and requesting access. If you could please notify me by Thursday evening of your decision.

Many thanks,
Anastasia