

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

NORFOLK, ss.

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL ACTION
22-00117

COMMONWEALTH

vs.

KAREN READ

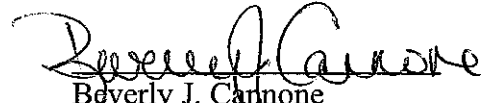
**MEMORANDUM OF DECISION AND ORDER ON NON-PARTY GRETCHEN VOSS'S
MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF DECEMBER 5, 2024 COURT ORDER
REGARDING RECORDS DISCLOSURE**

Non-party Gretchen Voss seeks reconsideration of this Court's December 5, 2024 Order compelling production of confidential handwritten notes of an "off the record" interview she conducted with defendant Karen Read. In support of her motion for reconsideration, in addition to her memorandum, Voss filed a Second Affidavit and the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association, New England First Amendment Coalition, New England Newspaper & Press Association, and Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press filed an Amicus Memorandum.

Given the additional information presented in the aforementioned filings and after an *in camera* review of the handwritten notes at issue, the Court has reconsidered its December 5, 2024 Order. The Court concludes that the content of the "off the record" notes at issue are of a different character than the unredacted recordings of the "on the record" interviews produced pursuant to the Court's previous Order. Voss has articulated a compelling argument that requiring disclosure of the notes poses a greater risk to the free flow of information than the other materials produced. Conversely, the Commonwealth has not demonstrated to the Court that its need for the handwritten notes, separate from the audio recordings, outweighs the danger posed to the public interest in the free flow of information.

Accordingly, the Court ALLOWS Voss's motion for reconsideration and will not require disclosure of her handwritten notes of the July 7, 2023 off-the-record interview.

Date: January 31, 2025


Beverly J. Cannone
Justice of the Superior Court