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February 11, 2021

**PUBLIC AND MEDIA ATTENDANCE: *STATE OF NEW MEXICO v. STEELE***

This trial, D 820 CR 2019 00149, will begin Monday, February 15, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., with jury selection in Colfax County Karelitz Judicial Center, Raton, New Mexico. The Judicial Center address is: 1413 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Raton, NM 87740. The trial will be conducted entirely in the Colfax County Judicial Center.

Seating in the Raton District Courtroom will be extremely limited due to COVID-safe protocols. Presiding Judge Jeff Shannon has established seating priority for family members of the defendant and victim, and designated one seat in the courtroom for a media member. The Raton District Courtroom will be open daily at 8:30 a.m.

After jury selection is completed Monday, the trial will be streamed live to the Taos County District Courtroom, 105 Albright Street. Public and members of the media who wish to view the trial from Taos County District Courtroom must arrive in time to undergo mandatory COVID-safe entry screening in the Courthouse lobby. The Taos County Courtroom will be opened for viewing at 10:00 a.m. Monday and at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday and days after.

Due to COVID-safe protocols, the Taos County Courtroom can accommodate only 26. Five seats will initially be reserved for media. 21 seats will initially be for the public; this number may increase based on media attendance. Court security will assure maintenance of social distancing and decorum in the Courtroom.

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