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# Press Release

## **United States District Court of Puerto Rico announces Press and Public Access to Sentencing Hearing for Case 17-cr-00371 (PAD) (United States v. Orta-Rodriguez) on January 13, 2021.**

**January 11, 2021 (San Juan, PR):** The United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico (“USDCPR”) informs that, in order to access the Sentencing Hearing before District Court Judge Pedro A. Delgado in United States v. Ramón Orta-Rodríguez, 17-cr-00371 (PAD), scheduled for Wednesday January 13, 2021 at 9:30AM, members of the press should send an email to [presscredentials@prd.uscourts.gov](mailto:presscredentials@prd.uscourts.gov). In accordance with the USDCPR’s [Guidelines for Press and Media Access to Video/Teleconference Hearings](#), email request should include the case number, date and time of the scheduled hearing, as well as the name and contact information (telephone and email address) of the news media organization interested in watching the hearing. Clerk’s Office staff may reach out to requesting parties to confirm information provided in the email request.

Recording and further broadcasting of the proceedings by any means is prohibited under Local Civil Rule 83F(b)(1). Although Judicial Conference policy generally prohibits the broadcasting of proceedings in federal trial courts, the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference has approved a limited temporary exception to the policy to allow a judge to authorize the use of teleconference technology to provide the public and the press with audio access to court proceedings while public access to federal courthouses is restricted due to the health and safety concerns presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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