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Judge Upholds Guilty Plea in Senator Larry Craig Case

MINNEAPOLIS -- Hennepin County District Court Judge Charles A. Porter, Jr. today denied a motion filed in September by Idaho Senator Larry Craig, seeking to withdraw his plea of guilty to a disorderly conduct charge. The plea agreement signed by the senator was filed with the court on August 8, 2007.

Patrick Hogan, public affairs director for the Metropolitan Airports Commission, which is prosecuting the case, issued the following statement in response to Judge Porter's ruling:

“We are pleased with Judge Porter's order upholding Senator Larry Craig's guilty plea. The ruling continues to hold Senator Craig accountable for his conduct in a Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport restroom in June. In determining that Senator Craig's plea is just and binding, the court ensures the plea negotiation process can continue to serve as an effective, efficient tool in the criminal justice system.”

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