

Press release on submarine case – English version

The trial of the submarine death case will commence on 8 March 2018 in courtroom 60 of the Copenhagen City Court. The City Court has fixed the following dates for the trial:

Thursday, 8 March 2018 in courtroom 60 (*located at Nytorv 27, 1450 Copenhagen K*)
Wednesday, 21 March 2018 in courtroom 60 (*located at Nytorv 27, 1450 Copenhagen K*)
Thursday, 22 March 2018 in courtroom 60 (*located at Nytorv 27, 1450 Copenhagen K*)
Friday, 23 March 2018 in courtroom 41 (*located at Frederiksberggade 1, 1459 Copenhagen K*)
Monday, 26 March 2018 in courtroom 60 (*located at Nytorv 27, 1450 Copenhagen K*)
Tuesday, 27 March 2018 in courtroom 60 (*located at Nytorv 27, 1450 Copenhagen K*)
Wednesday, 28 March 2018 in courtroom 60 (*located at Nytorv 27, 1450 Copenhagen K*)
Tuesday, 3 April 2018 in courtroom 60 (*located at Nytorv 27, 1450 Copenhagen K*)
Wednesday, 4 April 2018 in courtroom 60 (*located at Nytorv 27, 1450 Copenhagen K*)
Thursday, 5 April 2018 in courtroom 41 (*located at Frederiksberggade 1, 1459 Copenhagen K*)
Monday, 23 April 2018 in courtroom 60 (*located at Nytorv 27, 1450 Copenhagen K*)
Wednesday, 25 April 2018 in courtroom 60 (*located at Nytorv 27, 1450 Copenhagen K*).

The number of seats in the courtrooms are not unlimited. To make sure that there are seats for family members of the parties involved and for the press, the Copenhagen City Court has considered it necessary to allocate seats prior to the commencement of the trial. In doing so, a suitable number of seats have been reserved for Danish national news media, and two seats have been reserved for Swedish online public service media.

The following reservations have been made:

Seven seats for the victim's relatives and representatives.

Five seats for the defendant's relatives.

Twelve seats for Danish national news media.

Two seats for Swedish national online news media.

(The above 26 seats are numbered and assigned to these particular groups of individuals at all court hearings).

Six seats will be allocated each day on a first come first served basis to reporters of other Danish and foreign media.

Four seats will be allocated each day on a first come first served basis to other audience members.

All members of the audience must undergo security checks, which will be carried out in groups. The first group is the group of reporters with assigned seats, who will undergo security checks 40 minutes before commencement of the court hearing, then the groups of relatives about 25 minutes before commencement of the court hearing, and finally the group of other reporters (six persons) and the group of other audience members (four persons) about 20 minutes before commencement of the court hearing. Any vacant seats will be allocated to reporters in the category of other reporters.

To make sure that it is possible for the media to give an account of the court hearings, a room has been fitted out for accredited reporters, who can follow the proceedings in the courtroom through TV monitors and loudspeakers. It is made very clear that video and sound recording is not allowed in the press room, nor in the courtroom. Any non-compliance with this prohibition will lead to immediate expulsion from the court and may be reported to the police.

For further information, members of the press can contact Judge Jens Stausbøll, media spokesperson, at telephone +45 20 24 21 76.