

AUDIO STREAMING

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The Kern County Superior Court recognizes the important role that public access to criminal and civil proceedings plays in a democratic society. At the same time, the Court must take reasonable steps to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in Court facilities. In some of our more congested facilities, these reasonable steps may include excluding the public from physically attending court proceedings; in other facilities, these reasonable steps may include limiting the number of courtroom observers consistent with physical distancing and other health and safety standards. However, to ensure that all members of the public may continue to monitor or observe court proceedings regardless of the court facility in which they occur, the Court now provides live audio streaming of all non-confidential criminal and civil proceedings throughout the County. A new Standing Order re: Access to Court Proceedings During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Availability of Audio Live Streaming will be effective October 1, 2020.

The Court encourages members of the public and other courtroom observers to avoid physically attending court and instead to access the proceedings via audio live-stream. Live audio streaming of all non-confidential proceedings can be accessed through the Court's website www.Kern.Courts.CA.Gov. Click "Court Hearing Audio Streaming" on the Homepage. Select the courtroom you wish to listen to.

If you have any issues, please contact Kristin Davis (661) 808-0679.



Recording or rebroadcasting of court proceedings (including audio stream and those held by telephone or videoconference) is strictly prohibited absent a court order. See California Rule of Court 1.150 and this Court's Standing Order No. 19-0005. Violation of this order is punishable as contempt pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure §1209.