

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF KERN
METROPOLITAN DIVISION
JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER**

In the Matter of:

**Inspections of Kern County
Probation Department Detention
Facilities**

Standing Order

No. 2026 - 03

Misc. 26CS000005

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2026, the Presiding Juvenile Court Judge, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 209 and 229, inspected the James G. Bowles Youth Detention Center and found it to be a suitable place for confinement of minors.

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2026, the Presiding Juvenile Court Judge, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 209 and 229, inspected the APEX Academy and found it to be a suitable place for confinement of minors.

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2026, the Presiding Juvenile Court Judge, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 209 and 229, inspected the Kern Crossroads Facility and found it to be a suitable place for confinement of minors.

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2026, the Presiding Juvenile Court Judge, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 209 and 229, inspected the area set aside for Furlough Treatment Rehabilitation and found it to be a suitable place for confinement of minors.

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2026, the Presiding Juvenile Court Judge, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 209 and 229, inspected the Pathways Academy and found it to be a suitable place for confinement of minors.

1 WHEREAS, on April 10, 2026, the Presiding Juvenile Court Judge, pursuant to
2 Welfare and Institutions Code 209 and 229, inspected Camp Erwin Owen and found it
3 to be a suitable place for confinement of minors.

4 WHEREAS, on the above dates, James G. Bowles Youth Detention Center,
5 APEX Academy, Kern Crossroads Facility, Pathways Academy, Furlough Treatment
6 Rehabilitation area and Camp Erwin Owen, are in conformity with the minimum
7 standards for youth detention centers, camps and schools as outlined in Title 15 of the
8 California Code of Regulations.

9 WHEREAS, this Court designates a delegated member of the Kern County
10 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission ("JJDP") to inspect each
11 law enforcement facility that contains a lockup for adults in which one or more minors
12 were securely detained for any length of time pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code
13 209(b)(1).

14 WHEREAS, a delegated member of the Kern County JJDP inspected the
15 Bakersfield Police Department facility on April 3, 2026, pursuant to Welfare and
16 Institutions Code 209 and 229, inspected the area set aside for the detainment of
17 minors at the Bakersfield Police Department, and found it to be a suitable place for the
18 confinement of minors.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, as a result of the inspections and documentation provided
20 by the Kern County Probation Department, the Court finds that James G. Bowles Youth
21 Detention Center, APEX Academy, Kern Crossroads Facility, Pathways Academy,
22 Furlough Treatment Rehabilitation area, Camp Erwin Owen, and Bakersfield Police
23 Department, are suitable places for the confinement of minors (and non-minors at APEX
24 Academy) and conform with the minimum standards for juvenile facilities, and the Court
25 authorizes the Chief Probation Officer to so certify to the Board of Corrections.

26 Dated: July 1, 2026



Christie Canales Norris
Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court