BY Gomez, Sarah DEPUTY

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN

IN RE: RESTRICTION ON POSSESSION OF WEAPONS IN COURTHOUSE (AMENDED)

MISCELLANEOUS NO.: STO-22-0013

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED

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- I. Restrictions on Weapons
 - a. All persons entering a Kern County courthouse are subject to weapons screening procedures established by the Court and Sheriff of Kern County. Any person refusing to comply with the lawful order of security personnel assigned to conduct weapons screening may be refused entry into the courthouse.
 - b. All persons are required to comply with Penal Code Section 171(b). No person shall bring or possess any weapon as defined in Penal Code section 171(b) into a court facility. Exceptions are:

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- i. Weapons possessed or in transport to be used as evidence in a court of law with picture identification and appropriate proof.
 Weapons that can be locked must have locks on them
- ii. Weapons possessed by peace officer carrying out official duties
 who are uniformed or non-uniformed.
- c. No person (including peace officers) shall carry a weapon into any Court facility when appearing in Court in a matter in which they are a party.
- d. If a peace officer is appearing in Court as a party in a case that concerns the performance of their official duties, the judicial officer will determine whether it is appropriate for them to carry a weapon into a Court facility.

II. POSTING AND SERVICE OF ORDER.

This Order shall be posted at each public entrance to a courthouse; and at such other places that will reasonably provide notice of this Order to persons entering such courthouse. The Sheriff of Kern County and his or her deputies and their agents are directed to serve a copy of this Order personally on any person who appears to be in violation thereof, to advise such person of the apparent violation, and, if the apparent violation continues after such notice, to immediately notify the Presiding Judge, the Supervising Judge responsible for that courthouse, or the Court Executive Officer, as may be available in that order, so that the Court can determine whether proceedings should be initiated to ensure compliance with this Order. This Order shall not preclude

any law enforcement officer from taking appropriate steps to ensure the orderly and peaceable conduct of court business at a courthouse.

III. PENALTIES.

Violation of this Order may result in the imposition of sanctions in amounts of up to \$1,500 per violation pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 177.5 and/or prosecution for criminal violations.

Dated: April <u>28</u>, 2022.

Colette Humphrey, Presiding Judge Kern County Superior Court