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SUPERIOR COURT OF CA, COUNTY OF KERN

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN

**STANDING ORDER RE: USE OF
RECORDING AND PHOTOGRAPHY
DEVICES IN COURTHOUSE
FACILITIES**

MISCELLANEOUS NO.: STO-19-0005

By Order of the Presiding Judge:

This order supersedes all previous standing orders related to media activity and use of recording or photography devices in courthouse facilities.

The purpose of this Standing Order is to protect all persons with business in the Superior Court of California, County of Kern, courthouses and court facilities; to ensure the safe, secure and orderly conduct of hearings, trials and other court proceedings; and facilitate the safe, secure and efficient handling of court business.

1. Prohibitions

Photographing, recording, and broadcasting in courthouse facilities of the Kern County Superior Court shall be conducted solely pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 1.150 and this Standing Order. This Order applies to the actions of the media, parties, lawyers, court

1 employees, court security and the general public in taking, broadcast, use and/or publication of
2 sound and visual recordings of court proceedings (including the movement of all individuals
3 and parties to and from such proceedings), both still and moving, whether by analog, digital,
4 film magnetic tape or by any other means of recording and/or storage.

5 Consistent with case law and California Rules of Court, rule 1.150, no photographs,
6 video recordings or audio recordings may be taken anywhere in any courthouse facility with
7 any device capable of photographing, recording or broadcasting, unless permitted by an order
8 of the Court.

9 Photographing, recording or broadcasting any courtroom proceedings from within Kern
10 County Superior Courthouse facilities is permitted only if specifically authorized by the judge
11 presiding over the involved proceedings, in an Order on Media Request to Permit Coverage,
12 Judicial Council Form MC-510. The issuance of an order for the media, an attorney, a party,
13 or a member of the public is within the discretion of the judge presiding over the involved
14 proceedings. Each judge shall exercise his or her discretion as to what may and may not be
15 appropriate or necessary to balance and protect the rights of litigants, witnesses, victims, the
16 public and the media. There is no right to a hearing if a judge denies a request.

17 No photographing, recording or broadcasting shall occur in the hallways of any
18 courthouse in a manner to block or impede the flow of pedestrian traffic in and out of the
19 courtrooms or in the hallways. If a court order (Form MC-510) is obtained, media activity
20 shall take place in the designated media interview stations, as follows:

- 21 • 1415 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield – First floor, in front of the Court lobby display in
22 the Northeast corner of the lobby;
- 23 • 1415 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield – Second floor, adjacent to Department 1 and
24 Department 2; and
- 25 • 1215 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield – First floor, Northwest lobby of the Court.

1 For all other courthouse facilities, if authorized, media activity shall take place in the
2 lobby areas as designated by Court security personnel on duty.

3 There shall be no photography, recording or broadcasting in the Jury Assembly Room,
4 or in any area designated for the jurors' use. There shall be no photography, recording or
5 broadcasting of proceedings held in chambers; proceedings closed to the public; jury selection;
6 jurors or spectators; conferences between an attorney and a client, witness, or aide; between
7 attorneys; or between attorneys and the judge at the bench.

8 This order is not intended to restrict the ability to photograph, film, record or broadcast
9 from outside the entrances and exits of any courthouse facilities, provided such activity does
10 not obstruct access to or from the courthouse facilities.

11 **2. Severability**

12 Should any provision of the Standing Order be held invalid, the validity of the other
13 provisions of this Standing Order shall not be affected.

14 **3. Posting and Service of Order**

15 This Order shall be posted at each public entrance to a courthouse facilities and at such
16 other places that will reasonably provide notice of this Order to persons entering such
17 courthouse facilities. The Sheriff of Kern County and his deputies and their agents are directed
18 to serve a copy of this Order personally on any person who appears to be in violation thereof,
19 to advise such person of the apparent violation, and, if the apparent violation continues after
20 such notice, to immediately notify the Court's Executive Officer, Presiding Judge, or
21 Supervising Judge responsible for that courthouse facility, as may be available in that order,
22 so that the Court can determine whether proceedings should be initiated to ensure compliance
23 with this Order. This Order shall not preclude any law enforcement officer from taking
24 appropriate steps to ensure the orderly and peaceable conduct of court business at a court
25 facility.

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4. Penalties

Violation of this Order may be the basis for an Order terminating further media coverage; a citation for contempt; confiscation of recording equipment; and/or an Order imposing monetary or other sanctions.

IT IS ORDERED.

Dated: November 14, 2019.



Judith K. Dulcich, Presiding Judge
Kern County Superior Court