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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

John A. Clarke, Executive Officer/Clerk
By *Gloria A. Pedregon*, Deputy
GLORIA A. PEDREGON

GENERAL ORDER

ORDER PROHIBITING USE OF CAMERAS IN THE COURTHOUSE

No one except authorized court and court security personnel may use a camera to take pictures in any portion of the courthouse or any portions of multi-use buildings that are used as a courthouse except as permitted by Local Rule 4.1(c) and California Rule of Court 1.150, or as permitted by order of a judge as set forth herein.

This order applies not only to the use of cameras, but also to the use of camera devices such as camera enabled cellular telephone and other camera enabled or digital image-capture devices of any kind.

This order is for the protection of the public, all parties, and court personnel, and to facilitate the fair and orderly resolution of cases. This order is subject to modification based upon specific circumstances and the discretion of an individual trial judge in that judge's courtroom, the courthouse site judge for that site judge's courthouse, the supervising judge of the district for that district, or the assistant Presiding Judge in the event of the unavailability of the Presiding Judge.

Copies of this order shall be made reasonably available or posted near every security entry point into each court building, and at such other locations as the court's Director of Security shall direct. Violation of this order may result in seizure of the device pursuant to section 128, to imposition of sanctions pursuant to section 177.5, or a finding of contempt pursuant to section 1209 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

Any court staff, security personnel or peace officer who becomes aware that a person is using a camera or camera device in violation of this order is directed to advise such individual orally of this order, and take steps to provide the person with a copy of this order as soon as practical. Security personnel or a peace officer who have reasonable cause to believe a violation of this order has occurred are requested to prepare an incident report, and if the circumstances warrant immediate corrective action because the person persists in violating this order despite being informed of it or has violated the order in a way that appears to have a significant adverse impact upon court security or the fair and orderly resolution of cases, shall take possession of the device and bring the person without unnecessary delay to the courtroom judicial officer, nearest available site judge, district supervising judge, Assistant Presiding Judge or Presiding Judge, as may be appropriate, to determine if there is sufficient cause to believe there has been a violation of this order without good cause or substantial justification. Such judicial officer may take such action or issue such orders to show cause re imposition of sanctions or contempt pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure sections 128, 177.5, and 1209, and concerning the device, as may be appropriate.

GOOD CAUSE APPEARING THEREFOR, IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: June 10, 2010

Charles W. McCoy, Jr.
Hon. CHARLES W. MC COY, JR., Presiding Judge