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Clerk of the Superior Court
DEC 27 2023

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

**IN RE PROHIBITING THE USE OF
CAMERAS AND OTHER DIGITAL
IMAGE-CAPTURE DEVICES IN
COURTHOUSE**

**GENERAL ORDER OF THE
PRESIDING DEPARTMENT**

ORDER NO. 010124-03

THIS COURT FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

This order has been developed for the protection of all persons with business in the courthouse facilities of the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego (“San Diego Superior Court,” “court,” or “courthouse”), and to ensure the safe, secure, orderly, and efficient handling of proceedings and court business. This order is consistent with California Rules of Court, rule 10.603, which vests in the Presiding Judge the responsibility of establishing policies and providing a forum for the fair and expeditious resolution of disputes.

Except as permitted by California Rules of Court, rule 1.150, General Order 010124-02, and the Juvenile Court Media Policy, no one except authorized court and court security personnel may use any camera-enabled or video-enabled device, including but not limited to, cameras, camcorders, cell phones, Personal Digital Assistants, tablets, iPads, iPods, and watches, to take pictures or videos in any courthouse facilities, courtrooms, or temporary locations that may be set up from time to time to conduct court business on courthouse grounds outside of the courthouse building, or to take

1 pictures or videos of any court files or exhibits, absent written authorization from a judicial officer
2 or the Executive Officer of the court. However, this order does not prohibit the use of portable
3 image-capture devices, i.e., optical scanners and copy machines, used solely for the purpose of
4 imaging documents. Unless the person using such a portable image-capture device is an employee
5 of a bonded copy service company, they may not remove any documents from the file. Anyone
6 seeking to use a portable-image capture device to image documents will be required to initial and
7 acknowledge the rules set out for such use on Use of Portable Image-Capturing Devices
8 Acknowledgement (San Diego Superior Court Form #ADM-329).

9 Any court staff, security personnel, or peace officer who discovers that a person is violating
10 this order is directed to advise such individual orally of this order, and take steps to provide the
11 person with a copy of this order as soon as practical. Further, if the person persists in violating this
12 order despite being informed of it, or has violated the order in a manner that appears to have a
13 significant adverse impact upon court security or the fair and orderly resolution of court business,
14 security personnel or a peace officer shall remove the individual(s) from the business office,
15 courtroom, or other court area, as appropriate.

16 This order shall become effective on January 1, 2024, and expire on December 31, 2024,
17 unless otherwise ordered by this court.

18 Service of this order shall be made on the San Diego County Sheriff's Department.

19 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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21 DATED: December 27, 2023

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24 **HONORABLE MICHAEL T. SMYTH**
PRESIDING JUDGE

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CENTRAL DIVISION, CENTRAL COURTHOUSE, 1100 UNION ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 <input type="checkbox"/> CENTRAL DIVISION, COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 220 W. BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 <input type="checkbox"/> CENTRAL DIVISION, HALL OF JUSTICE, 330 W. BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 <input type="checkbox"/> CENTRAL DIVISION, FAMILY COURT, 1555 6TH AVE., SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 <input type="checkbox"/> CENTRAL DIVISION, MADGE BRADLEY, 1409 4TH AVE., SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 <input type="checkbox"/> CENTRAL DIVISION, KEARNY MESA, 8950 CLAIREMONT MESA BLVD., SAN DIEGO, CA 92123 <input type="checkbox"/> CENTRAL DIVISION, JUVENILE COURT, 2851 MEADOW LARK DR., SAN DIEGO, CA 92123 <input type="checkbox"/> EAST COUNTY DIVISION, 250 E. MAIN ST., EL CAJON, CA 92020 <input type="checkbox"/> NORTH COUNTY DIVISION, 325 S. MELROSE DR., VISTA, CA 92081 <input type="checkbox"/> NORTH COUNTY DIVISION, JUVENILE COURT, 325 S. MELROSE DR., VISTA, CA 92081 <input type="checkbox"/> SOUTH COUNTY DIVISION, 500 3RD AVE., CHULA VISTA, CA 91910	FOR COURT USE ONLY FILED <small>Clerk of the Superior Court</small> DEC 28 2023
PLAINTIFF(S)/PETITIONER(S)	JUDGE: MICHAEL T. SMYTHO DEPT: PRESIDING
DEFENDANT(S)/RESPONDENT(S)	CASE NUMBER ORDER NO. 010124-03
CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL	

I certify that I am not a party to the above-entitled cause, that I placed a copy of the following document(s): GENERAL ORDER OF THE PRESIDING DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 010124-03 IN RE: PROHIBITING THE USE OF CAERAS AND OTHER DIGITAL IMAGE-CAPTURE DEVICES IN COURTHOUSE

in a sealed envelope addressed to the parties shown with postage prepaid, and deposited it in the United States mail at
 Chula Vista El Cajon San Diego Vista, California.

NAME & ADDRESS

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Clerk of the Superior Court

Date: December 28, 2023

by , Deputy
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