

Criminal

Locations

- Central Courthouse
- East County Regional Center
- North County Regional Center
- South County Regional Center



Most out-of-custody criminal hearings are being held remotely at this time, unless otherwise ordered by a judge.

There are several options for out-of-custody defendants to attend their arraignment and/or preliminary hearings:

- Attend virtually via video or telephone conference.
- Waive your personal appearance ([PC 977](#)) and allow your attorney to appear on your behalf.
- Use one of the “walk-up” courtrooms at your designated courthouse where you can use the Court’s A/V system to appear virtually for your hearing.
- Attend the hearing in-person in the courtroom with the judge physically present.
Please note: for this option, your attorney must also attend in-person with you.

Find more information about out-of-custody virtual hearings at sdcourt.ca.gov/Criminal.

Criminal Business Office services available:

- Fine payments
- Program reassignments/extensions
- Background/Records checks (for non-researchers; limit one per visit)
- Copy requests (for non-researchers)
- Verification of appearance
- Assist customers at the counter with inquiries
- Kiosk access to research cases
- Address warrants/license holds
- Order files upon request
- Accept felony motions and petitions*
- Proof of completion of court-ordered programs
- Motions to be filed and responsive pleadings*
- Habeas corpus petitions and responsive pleadings
- Accept Petition for Dismissal and expungement filings (misdemeanor or felony)
- Accept probation and parole recalls and warrant requests
- Accept and process correspondence and mail
- Probation reports
- Misdemeanor motions and petitions*
- Counter/fax arraignments

** Only select filings will be scheduled for hearings at this time. Anything else will be accepted and held until services are expanded.*

Please contact the Court if you have questions on a pending criminal matter.

