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County of Orange



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Juvenile Court Administrative Order No. 11/009-906

**Public Access and Media**

Unless otherwise ordered by the court, these policies apply to print and broadcast coverage of both delinquency and dependency matters, whether taking place in or outside of the courtroom.

**A. Cellular, digital or other portable telephone with camera or other recording capabilities:**

1. All portable telephones shall be turned off prior to entering a courtroom. Display of any cellular, digital or other portable telephone in the courtroom at any time may result in the immediate seizure of the device by the Orange County Sheriff's Department or other security personnel. Offenders may be removed from the courthouse and/or subject to contempt of court with appropriate fines and sanctions

**B. Use of Cameras and Recording Equipment:**

1. Dependency: Pursuant to California Rule of Court, Rule 1.150(e) (6) (b), the bench officer presiding over any dependency matter shall not have discretion to permit cameras or recording equipment in the courtroom.
2. Delinquency: Pursuant to California Rule of Court, Rule 1.150 (e) (6) (b), the bench officer presiding over any delinquency matter not described in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 676(a), shall not have discretion to permit cameras or recording equipment in the courtroom.
  - a. Delinquency Proceedings Described in Welfare and Institutions Code section 676(a): Permission to use cameras or recording equipment while attending non-confidential delinquency court proceedings is in the discretion of the bench officer presiding over the matter. A Judicial

Council Form MC 500 and proposed order MC510 must be completed and filed at Juvenile reception (located on the 2nd floor) in person or by fax (657-622-8384). This request must be filed with the reception desk by (a) 10:00 a.m. the day of the hearing for cases that are calendared for the afternoon session; or (b) 4:00 p.m. the business day before the hearing for cases that are calendared for the morning session. The reception clerk shall immediately serve each of the parties with a copy of the request.

- b. Recorded View of Minor: When photography or video recording is permitted during a delinquency court proceeding, the camera view must be restricted to the shoulders of the minor and below. No view of the front or back of the head of the minor and/or his/her family shall be recorded.

### **C. Identification, Check-in and Waiting Area**

1. Identification: All members of the print and broadcast media must display visible identification at all times while inside Lamoreaux Justice Center
2. Check-In: Upon arrival at Juvenile Court, all members of the media shall inform Juvenile Court receptionist (located on the 2nd floor) of their presence. The receptionist shall inform the appropriate courtroom personnel of the names of the media representatives present so that their attendance can be assured when the case is called.
3. Waiting Area: Cameras and other recording equipment shall be used as directed by court security. Such equipment may not be stored or displayed in the lobby area where minors are present.

### **D. Locations for Interview, Recording, Photography or Video Recording without a Court order.**

1. Inside:
  - a. In addition to any recording permitted in the courtroom by order of the court, interviews, video and/or sound recording are not permitted without order of Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court.
  - b. No photography or video recording shall take place in the hallways or lobby areas of the Lamoreaux Justice Center.
  - c. No photography or video recording shall take place in the courtrooms when court is not in session, before or after a case is formally called on-the-record.

2. Outside:

- a. Without the express consent of the child/minor, there shall be no photography or video recording of the child/minor or his/her family on the sidewalks or parking lot adjacent to the Lamoreaux Justice Center.
- b. Requests may be submitted for interviews and video and/or sound recording in the plaza adjacent to Lamoreaux Justice Center.
- c. No photography or video recording of juvenile shall take place at the security and/or booking entrance to the Juvenile Hall.

**E. Pooling**

Due to the small size of the 12 courtrooms and the limited seating available, in all cases where video recording of a delinquency case is permitted by court order for more than one broadcast media station, only a single camera shall be allowed in the courtroom. A condition of granting the order to record the courtroom session shall include a requirement that such stations arrange for a pooling and sharing of the recorded material.

**F. Photography or Audio or Video Recording of Minors in Juvenile Institutions**

Except upon order of the Juvenile Court, no photography or audio or video recording of minors in Juvenile Institutions within the jurisdiction of Orange County Juvenile Court is permitted.

This Juvenile Court Administrative Order is to remain in effect until otherwise ordered by the Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court.

Dated this 23rd day of November 2011

  
DOUGLAS J. HATCHIMONJI  
PRESIDING JUDGE of JUVENILE COURT