

**Superior Court of California
County of Contra Costa**

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4.5	Cash Payments	FILED 5/15/2026
4.6	Bail Schedule	FILED 7/8/26

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA**

K. BIEKER CLERK OF THE COURT
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
Deputy Clerk

**Date: January 2, 2023
JUDGE: EDWARD G. WEIL**

**DEPARTMENT 1
COURT CLERK: DIANA GHIRARDO
UNREPORTED**

AMENDED STANDING ORDER RE: WIRE AUTHORIZATIONS

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 629.50, the Court hereby designates Judge John Kennedy as the judge of the Superior Court authorized to review, sign, and otherwise handle all matters pertaining to any application for an order or modification of an order authorizing the interception of a wire or electronic communication (as defined in penal Code section 629.50 *et seq.*), when such an application is presented by the Attorney General's Office or the District Attorney's Office.

Further pursuant to Section 629.50, the following additional judges are authorized to review and sign an order authorizing an interception.

1. Judge Terri Mockler
2. Judge Mary Ann O'Malley

This order supersedes any prior versions.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: January 2, 2023



HON. EDWARD G. WEIL
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Contra Costa County

**Superior Court of the State of California
For the County of Contra Costa
Juvenile Court**

FILED
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STEPHEN H. NASH CLERK OF THE COURT
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
By K. Cardinale Deputy Clerk

**STANDING ORDER #3 (2015)
Substitution of Attorneys in Juvenile Court Dependency Cases**

In criminal cases, the trial court, in its discretion, may deny such a motion if discharge will result in 'significant prejudice' to the defendant, or if it is not timely, i.e., if it will result in 'disruption of the orderly processes of justice'. (*People v. Ortiz*, 51 Cal.3d 975, 983.)

This does not reflect the balance of interests in dependency cases. The focus of dependency law is "on the preservation of the family as well as the safety, protection, and physical and emotional well-being of the child." (§ 300.2. W&I Code) the children's interests are of paramount consideration. The rights and protections afforded parents in a dependency proceeding are not the same as those afforded to the accused in a criminal proceeding. (In *re James F.* (2008) 42 Cal.4th 901, 915) Pursuant to section 352, the juvenile court may for good cause order a continuance of a dependency hearing. Section 352 mandates that before the court can grant a continuance it must "give substantial weight to a minor's need for prompt resolution of his or her custody status, the need to provide children with stable environments, and the damage to a minor of prolonged temporary placements." (In *re Elizabeth R.* (1995) 35 Cal.App.4th 1774, 1798)

The juvenile court has broad discretion in determining whether to grant a continuance. (§ 352(a);

Any attorney wishing to substitute in to a juvenile dependency case must follow the below listed procedures and timelines:

1) If retained counsel is substituting in for appointed counsel, a motion for substitution must be filed with the Court at least two weeks before any scheduled court hearing. This motion must be served on all existing attorneys in the case. The motion will be set for a hearing promptly and normally there will be no continuance of the previously scheduled hearing as a condition of the Court granting the substitution. New counsel will be prepared to represent the client at the next scheduled hearing.

2) If retained counsel is substituting in for retained counsel a substitution of counsel form (MC-050) signed by new counsel, old counsel and the client may be filed in lieu of a formal motion. The form must be filed with the court and served on all counsel at least two weeks before any scheduled court hearing. Normally there will be no continuance of the previously scheduled hearing as a condition of the Court accepting the substitution. New counsel will be prepared to represent the client at the next scheduled hearing.

DATED: May 28, 2015


Presiding Judge Juvenile Court

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

K. BIEKER CLERK OF THE COURT
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
By _____ Deputy Clerk

DATE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2021
JUDGE: REBECCA HARDIE

DEPARTMENT 1
COURT CLERK: AIDA CHEONG
UNREPORTED

AMENDED STANDING ORDER 5.17* *Renumbered as 1.3 per 11-3-22
Order

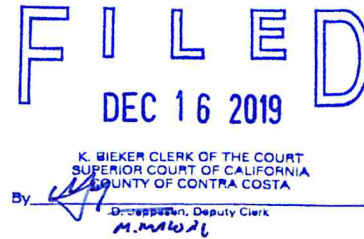
The following Amended Standing Order 5.17 is adopted, effective immediately.

1. The provisions of Section 1 of the Standing Order of the Civil Division concerning unlawful detainer cases, delineated Standing Order 5.17 and entered on May 30, 2018, are rescinded.
2. By order of the Presiding Judge, unlawful detainer cases in this Court are heard by qualified court commissioners. In the event a party chooses not to stipulate to the hearing of any unlawful detainer matter by a commissioner, the hearing shall be referred to the Supervising Judge of the division in which the matter is pending (either Richmond, Pittsburg, or, for Martinez, the Supervising Civil Judge) who may hear the matter or refer it to any other judge of this Court. This does not affect the Court's authority, pursuant to Code of Civil procedure section 259(b), to direct a commissioner to "[t]ake proof and make and report findings thereon as to any matter of fact upon which information is required by the court," where properly specified pursuant to that section.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 2, 2021

HON. REBECCA C. HARDIE
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Contra Costa County



**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA**

In re Family Law Contempt Proceedings

**ORDER DIRECTING COMMISSIONER
TO CONDUCT CONTEMPT
PROCEEDINGS**

1. Any commissioner assigned to hear family law contempt proceedings shall conduct arraignment proceedings on an Order to Show Cause and Affidavit for Contempt, including the issuance and signing of bench warrants. (Cal. Gov. C., § 72190.1.)
2. Any commissioner assigned to hear family law contempt proceedings, and who is not acting as a temporary judge per stipulation of the parties in those proceedings, shall hear and report his or her findings and conclusions to the court on issues of fact in contempt proceedings related to support, dissolution of marriage, nullity of marriage, or legal separation. (Cal. Code of Civ. Proc., § 259, subd. (e).)

It is so ordered.

Dated: 12/13/19

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA**

**DATE: November 3, 2022
JUDGE: REBECCA C. HARDIE**

**DEPARTMENT 1
COURT CLERK:
UNREPORTED**



ORDER RE: STANDING ORDERS

The Court has revised and substantially eliminated the majority of its previously-enacted standing orders. By this Order, I rescind the final few standing orders which are outdated or no longer applicable, and renumber all remaining standing orders.

Barring further order of the Presiding Judge, and to preserve the tracking and publication of all orders as required by the Rules of Court and Code of Civil Procedure section 575.1(c), standing orders must be submitted to the Presiding Judge for approval, with the advice of the Executive Committee as determined by the Presiding Judge.

The following standing orders are rescinded:

1. Standing Order 1.1
2. Standing Order 5.11
3. Standing Order 6.20

Per Code of Civil Procedure section 575.1(c), which requires orders to be numbered sequentially on a common subject, Standing Orders – including this order – shall be recategorized and renumbered as follows:

Section 1: Judicial Authority

- 1.1: Designation of Alternate Judges to Authorize Interception of Wire Communications
- 1.2: Substitution of Attorneys in Juvenile Court Dependency Cases
- 1.3: Order Regarding Unlawful Detainer Cases
- 1.4: Order Directing Commissioners to Conduct Contempt Proceedings
- 1.5: Order re Standing Orders

Section 2: Records and Records Access

- 2.1: Standing Order (Probate) Re: Release of Information for the Benefit of Minors
- 2.2: Order and Agreement re Preservation of Court Records
- 2.3: Order to Purge Misdemeanor Arrest and Bench Warrants

- 2.4: Order to Recall All Outstanding Bench Warrants Issued on Unsigned Citations
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- 2.7: Confidentiality of Court Records; Local Inmates and Petitions for Involuntary Psychiatric Medication

Section 3: Filing and Filing Dates

- 3.1: Facsimile Filing in Certain Juvenile Cases
- 3.2 E-Filing in Civil Cases

Section 4: General Orders

- 4.1: Order Regarding Return of Dangerous, Toxic, Biohazardous Materials/Exhibits
- 4.2: Order Authorizing Children and Family Services Bureau to Regularly Photograph Dependent Children for Identification and Documentation Purposes
- 4.3: Court Reporters in Family Law Cases

Additional Standing Orders shall follow consecutively in number within categories. Categories may be added by the Presiding Judge, in consultation with the Executive Committee as determined by the Presiding Judge. Standing Orders shall be included with the regular publication of the Local Rules and posted on the Local Rules section of the Court's website.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 3, 2022



HON. REBECCA C. HARDIE
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Contra Costa County

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA**

**Date: January 30, 2024
JUDGE: EDWARD G. WEIL**

**DEPARTMENT 1
COURT CLERK: CAROLINE RUARO
UNREPORTED**

STANDING ORDER RE: SUBORDINATE JUDICIAL OFFICERS

For many years, the Court has benefitted from the service of subordinate judicial officers who handle specific matters on behalf of the Court, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 259, Government Code sections 71290, 71290.1, and 71622, and other applicable statutes and case law. To clarify the scope and authority of subordinate judicial officers in the Contra Costa Superior Court, **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. In the event any person is hired by the Court and takes the Oath of Office for a Commissioner of the California Superior Court (a "Commissioner"), the Presiding Judge shall issue an order of appointment which shall be entered into the minutes of the Court.
2. A Commissioner shall have authority to hear those matters described in Code of Civil Procedure section 259 and Government Code sections 72190 and 72190.1, including infraction matters, small claims matters, and arraignments, and any other matters which a subordinate judicial officer may hear pursuant to statute.
3. A Commissioner shall have authority to hear civil harassment, unlawful detainer, and civil discovery matters upon stipulation of the parties.
4. A Commissioner shall have the authority to hear Department of Child Support Services matters as provided under Family Code section 4251.
5. Prior to exercising any power to hear the above matters, a Commissioner must satisfy any qualification and/or training requirements of the Judicial Council as may be established under Government Code sections 71622(c) and (d).
6. Authority to act as a Commissioner shall expire immediately upon the Commissioner's retirement, resignation, or termination of service. The Presiding Judge shall issue an order of termination, which shall be entered into the minutes of the Court.

7. By separate order, the Presiding Judge may assign a retired Commissioner to subordinate judicial service as provided in Government Code section 71622(g).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: January 30, 2024

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HON. EDWARD G. WEIL
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Contra Costa County

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA**

DATE: JULY 24, 2024

JUDGE: HON. EDWARD G. WEIL

DEPARTMENT 1

COURT CLERK: CAROLINE RUARO

UNREPORTED

STANDING ORDER 1.7 IMPLEMENTING CALIFORNIA RULE OF COURT 10.635

This Standing Order implements Rule of Court 10.635. It does not apply in criminal proceedings or other proceedings identified in Code of Civil Procedure section 367.76, which include, but are not limited to, juvenile justice proceedings and Lanterman-Petris-Short Act proceedings.

1. Presiding from Chambers or Locations in a Courthouse Other Than a Courtroom

Pursuant to CRC 10.635(d), the Presiding Judge hereby finds that it is in the interest of justice for a judicial officer to preside remotely from a location within a court facility, other than a courtroom, as long as no parties are appearing in person. Case-by-case approval by the Presiding Judge is not required. If the proceeding is one that is required by law to be open to the public, the remote access link shall be accessible to the public on a listen-only basis.

2. Presiding From a Location Outside the Courthouse

- a. Pursuant to CRC 10.635(e), the Presiding judge hereby finds that it is in the interest of justice for a judicial officer to preside from a location outside a courthouse (including their residence), and that so presiding is "essential to prevent a significant delay that would substantially prejudice the litigants," where all of the following conditions exist:

- (i) The judicial officer has a medical or family emergency occurring since the original setting of the proceeding that would require the proceeding to be continued at a substantial prejudice to the parties. If the judicial officer is physically ill and/or precluded from entering the courthouse by COVID or other infectious disease protocols, they must be well enough to preside over the proceeding. This does not permit presiding from outside the courthouse in order to accommodate routine appointments or where presiding from the courtroom would merely inconvenience the judicial officer.

- (ii) The location outside the courthouse is appropriate for a court hearing, i.e., it is sufficiently quiet, the location has functioning and appropriate technology to enable the hearing to proceed with needed visual and sound quality, and anything visible in the background is appropriate for a judicial proceeding. Locations other than the judicial officer's residence, including but not limited to waiting rooms, airports, or motor vehicles, are presumptively inappropriate.
 - (iii) The location is within the State of California.
 - (iv) The judicial officer obtains approval from their supervising judge, who shall determine whether the criteria of this policy are met.
- b. The requirement of Government Code 68110 which requires that every judge "shall, in open court during the presentation of causes before him or her, wear a judicial robe," applies to remote proceedings as it would in the courthouse, i.e., if the proceeding would require a robe in the courthouse, it is required for a remote proceeding. Matters typically conducted in chambers, e.g., settlement conferences, do not require a robe. If the proceeding is being held remotely due to an emergency that prevented the judge from obtaining a robe, the judge may proceed without wearing a robe.
- c. Approval to preside from outside the courthouse pursuant to the "hazardous conditions" provision of CRC10.635(e)(1) must be obtained in each individual case by the Presiding Judge, or if unavailable, the Assistant Presiding Judge, or if unavailable, the Supervising Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 24, 2024



HON. EDWARD G. WEIL
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Contra Costa County

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

S. LIND CLERK OF THE COURT
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

By

DATE: AUGUST 11, 2026

JUDGE: HON. CHRISTOPHER R. BOWEN

DEPARTMENT 1

COURT CLERK: CAROLINE RUARO
UNREPORTED

**ORDER RESCINDING FIRST AMENDED GENERAL ORDER RE:
USE OF ELECTRONIC RECORDING EQUIPMENT**

On October 2, 2025, the Court issued its First Amended General Order re: Use of Electronic Recording Equipment. That order set forth standards for activation of electronic recording in specific cases based on the implications to fundamental rights or liberty interests.

On August 10, 2026, the California Supreme Court issued its decision in *Family Violence Appellate Project v. Superior Court* (August 10, 2026, S288176), directing this Court to "provide indigent litigants, upon request, with meaningful access in all cases to an official verbatim record of proceedings, including by means of electronic recording if an official reporter or official reporter pro tempore is unavailable."

Accordingly, the First Amended General Order re: Use of Electronic Recording Equipment is **RESCINDED**. The Court shall follow the mandate of the California Supreme Court in its use of electronic recording.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 11, 2026



HON. CHRISTOPHER R. BOWEN
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Contra Costa County

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K. JONES, CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
B. H. HARRIS, Deputy Clerk

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

In re: release of information for the benefit
of minors.

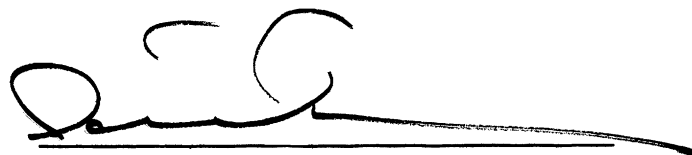
STANDING ORDER
(PROBATE)

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In most jurisdictions there is a child protective services agency, or similar agency, which has the authority and obligation to protect minors from neglect and abuse. Law enforcement agencies also have responsibility for this protection. In many cases, these agencies will be involved with children who are the subject of guardianship proceedings pending in this Court's Probate Department. . The purpose of guardianship proceedings is to protect minors, and that protection is best served by cooperation with these agencies, including exchange of relevant information. Accordingly, GOOD CAUSE APPEARING,

THERE IS HEREBY ISSUED A STANDING ORDER that the court's investigators are authorized to release to law enforcement, child protective services or similar agencies, upon request or where it appears to the investigators that this would be in the minor's best interest, any reports and other information in possession of the court's investigators.

Dated: October 17, 2000



Judge of the Superior Court

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

Miscellaneous Filing

ORDER AND AGREEMENT
RE PRESERVATION OF
COURT RECORDS

Pursuant to the mandate of California Rule of Court 6.755, the Court hereby designates the Contra Costa County Historical Society as the archival facility to preserve and catalogue court records in accordance with subsection (i). The Historical Society agrees to comply with the storage, access and other applicable requirements of Rule 6.755, and to report to the Court as requested regarding the status of court records at its archival facility.

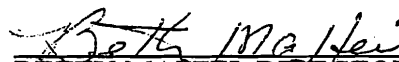
Dated: January 10, 2005



THOMAS M. MADDOCK PRESIDING JUDGE
Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa

The Contra Costa County Historical Society agrees to the terms above and agrees to archive the records listed in Attachment A, incorporated herein by this reference.

Dated: January 12, 2005



BETTY MAFFEI, DIRECTOR
On behalf of The Contra Costa County Historical Society

Miscellaneous Filing

ATTACHMENT A TO ORDER
AND AGREEMENT RE
PRESERVATION OF COURT
RECORDS

Pursuant to the mandate of California Rule of Court 6.755, the Court hereby designates the Contra Costa County Historical Society as the archival facility to preserve and catalogue the following court records in accordance with subsection (l).

Registers of Actions (Civil & Family Law) vol. 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263.

Registers of Actions (Richmond Court - Civil, Family Law, Probate) vol. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, vol. 1, 2, 4, 5.

Registers of Actions (Criminal) vol. 3, 4, 5, 6, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32.

Registers of Actions (Probate) vol. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75.

Judgment Books (Civil, Family Law) vol. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109.

Judgment Dockets vol. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 (A-M), 10 (N-Z).

Decrees of Distribution (Probate) vol. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Naturalization Records (Petitions, Declarations of Intention, Depositions) (1850 - 1879) - 1 box

Naturalization Records (Index Cards, Certificate Stubs) - 3 boxes

Probate Vouchers (1950's and 1960's) - 13 boxes

Miscellaneous Filing

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RECORDS

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designates the Contra Costa County Historical Society as the archival facility to preserve and
catalogue the following court records in accordance with subsection (i).

Index to Probate Records	Volumes 2, 3, 4 and 5 (1946 – 1974)
General Civil Index Plaintiffs	Volume 6 (A-K) (1924 – 1938)
	Volume 6 (L-Z) (1924 – 1938)
	Volume 7 (E-K) (1938 – 1956)
	Volume 7 (S-Z) (1938 – 1955)
General Civil Index Defendants	Volume 6 (A-K) (1924 – 1938)
	Volume 6 (L-Z) (1924 – 1938)
	Volume 7 (A-D) (1938 – 1956)
	Volume 7 (S-L) (1938 – 1956)
Register of Action – Criminal	Volumes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 (1943 – 1968)
People vs. Marshall Martin & Elizabeth Eichler	Court documents, transcripts, court reporter notes, sheriff's bills - 1873

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA**

**DATE: AUGUST 29, 2024
JUDGE: HON. EDWARD G. WEIL**

**DEPARTMENT 1
COURT CLERK: CAROLINE RUARO
UNREPORTED**

STANDING ORDER 2.3
RE: PURGING MISDEMEANOR ARREST AND BENCH WARRANTS

This order sets the Court's uniform policy to establish purge criteria for misdemeanor and infraction warrants.

Purge 3 years from warrant issue date	All CVC misdemeanors and infractions except: • CVC 23103a & b • CVC 23152a & b • CVC 23153a & b All other misdemeanors All AMORS cases All city & county ordinance misdemeanor and infractions
Purge 10 years from warrant issue date	Child Molestation Violations • PC 647(a) • PC 647(i) Child Abuse • PC 273a(a) • PC 273a(b) Domestic Violence • PC 166(c)(1) • PC 243(e)(1) • PC 273.5(a) • PC 273.6 • PC 314 Elder Abuse • PC 237(b) • PC 368 Sexual Abuse • PC 243.4 • PC 288 (all subsections) • PC 289(c) • PC 289(h)

	• PC 290 • PC 647.6 Other • CVC 23103a & b • CVC 23152a & b • CVC 23153a & b
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The Judges do not wish to distinguish between bench and arrest warrant cases, the reason for the warrant, or the bail amount in question.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 29, 2024


 HON. EDWARD G. WEIL
 Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
 Contra Costa County

FILED

JUN 12 2012

K. TORE CLERK OF THE COURT
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA - MARTINEZ
By [Signature]
DEPUTY CLERK



**ORDER TO RECALL ALL
OUTSTANDING BENCH
WARRANTS ISSUED ON
UNSIGNED CITATIONS**

IT IS HERBY ORDERED that all outstanding warrants that have been issued by the Superior Court of California in and for the County of Contra Costa based on the failure to appear of a defendant pursuant to an unsigned citation shall be immediately recalled. Any such citation for violations of the Vehicle Code shall be referred to the District Attorney's Office for a verified complaint filing decision pursuant to Vehicle Code section 40002. If no complaint is filed, the matter is to be dismissed. No new warrants shall issue for failure to appear on an unsigned citation.

Any unsigned citations for Non-Vehicle Code violations are to be returned to the filing law enforcement agency with instructions to submit to the District Attorney's Office for a filing decision. If no complaint is filed the matter is to be dismissed.

6/12/12
Date

[Signature]
Hon. John Kennedy, Acting Presiding Judge

- cc:
- 1) Diana Becton, Presiding Judge
 - 2) Supervising Judges of Traffic Courts
 - 3) Kiri Tore, CEO

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
IN SESSION AS A JUVENILE COURT



IN RE RELEASE OF INFORMATION)
PERTAINING TO MINORS DESCRIBED)
BY SECTION 601 OR 602 OF THE)
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE)
_____)

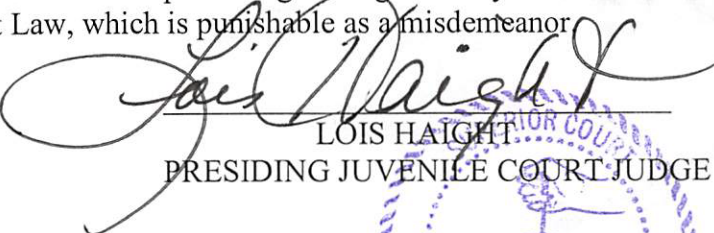
BY ORDER OF THE COURT

TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY AND ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY:

All school officials in all school districts in Contra Costa County may release to any probation officer of Contra Costa County who is involved in any investigation of, or ongoing supervision of, any juvenile who comes within the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court, may disclose any and all records and reports, any portion of those records and reports, and any information related to the contents of those records or reports when ward of the Court, or to provide ongoing supervision of that minor to monitor his or her compliance with any orders given to that minor by the Juvenile Court.

All information which identifies individuals in the documents of the above-mentioned agencies will be held in the strictest confidence and used for the sole purpose of informing investigations or supervision pertaining to wardship. Any use of such information for purposes other than the official disposition of the case will constitute a willful violation of the confidentiality provisions of the Juvenile Court Law. The information disclosed shall be maintained in a secure place to guard against any violation of the confidentiality provisions of the Juvenile Court Law, which is punishable as a misdemeanor.

Dated: July 8, 2013


LOIS HAIGHT
PRESIDING JUVENILE COURT JUDGE



**Superior Court of the State of California
For the County of Contra Costa
Juvenile Court**

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STEPHEN H. NASH CLERK OF THE COURT
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
By K. Cardinale Deputy Clerk

**STANDING ORDER #4 (2015)
Courtesy Copies to DA Office for 827 File Review Requests**

In the event an attorney or other person files a petition to review or copy portions of a Juvenile file under Section 827 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the Reviewing Judge generally provides a courtesy copy of the released pages to the District Attorney's Office. When this occurs, the copy to the DA can and will be delivered by inter-office mail. These documents are not notices or filed papers and, therefore, do not require service in accordance with CCP §1013a. The District Attorney's Office has agreed to this method of delivery and effective immediately, this method will be used by the Court.

DATED: July 28, 2015

Thomas M. Maddock
THOMAS M. MADDOCK
Presiding Judge Juvenile Court

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K. BIEKER CLERK OF THE COURT
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

By L. Humiston, Deputy Clerk

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

In Re: CONFIDENTIALITY OF
COURT RECORDS; LOCAL
INMATES AND PETITIONS
FOR INVOLUNTARY
PSYCHIATRIC MEDICATION

STANDING ORDER - DEPARTMENT 13

Whereas petitions seeking involuntary medication of detainees pursuant to Penal Code §§ 1370(a)(2)(D)(ii), 2603(c), or 2603(d) and documents filed in support of or in opposition to such petitions contain extremely sensitive and personal information; and

Whereas detainees have an overriding privacy interest in information concerning their mental health and that interest overcomes the right of public access to the record.

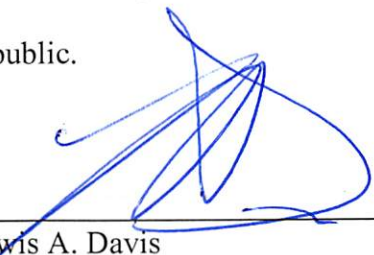
Therefore, to facilitate the filing of petitions seeking involuntary medication and documents supporting or opposing such petitions while ensuring the confidentiality of those petitions and related documents, the Court hereby orders that all petitions and related documents filed pursuant to Penal Code §§ 1370(a)(2)(D)(ii), 2603(c), or 2603(d) may be filed under seal and in an envelope marked "Confidential."

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1 The Court further Orders that its records relating to these petitions shall be kept in a
2 confidential file not accessible to the general public.

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4 **APR 08 2019**
5 Dated: _____



6 Hon. Lewis A. Davis
7 Judge of the Superior Court
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA**

**Date: December 19, 2023
JUDGE: EDWARD G. WEIL**

**DEPARTMENT 1
COURT CLERK: DIANA GHIRARDO
UNREPORTED**

STANDING ORDER RE: PC 987 FUNDING ORDERS

The Court authorizes the manager of the Martinez Criminal Clerks office to Open, Scan into Odyssey and Destroy any sealed envelopes containing PC 987 Funding Orders being held in the Martinez Criminal Clerks office. Any such documents shall be coded as "Sealed, " i.e., access shall be limited to Judges and Managers.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: December 19, 2023

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**HON. EDWARD G. WEIL
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Contra Costa County**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA**

DATE: JUNE 11, 2025

JUDGE: HON. CHRISTOPHER R. BOWEN

DEPARTMENT 1

**COURT CLERK: CAROLINE RUARO
UNREPORTED**

**SECOND AMENDED STANDING ORDER 2.9
ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC COURT RECORDS
(CARE COURT AND MENTAL HEALTH)**

Under California Rule of Court 2.540, the Court may grant remote access to electronic court records to certain named government entities. Subdivision (b)(1)(Q) allows the Court, for good cause, to grant remote electronic access in particular case types to government entities beyond those specifically listed. "Good cause" means that the government entity requires access to the electronic records to adequately perform its legal duties or fulfill its responsibilities in litigation.

Beginning December 2, 2024, under the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act, the Court established its CARE Court. The CARE Court process directly involves Contra Costa Behavioral Health Services ("Behavioral Health"), the Office of the Public Defender, and the Office of County Counsel, all government entities, in the provision of CARE Court services. Remote electronic access to records in mental health cases allows each of these parties to adequately perform their duties in these cases.

In addition, the District Attorney's Office, the Office of the Public Defender, and the Probation Department, all governmental entities, are likewise directly involved in the representation of parties or in the administration related to mental health cases before the Court. Remote electronic access to records in mental health cases allows each of these parties to adequately perform their duties in these cases.

For this reason, the Court finds that good cause exists for each office to be **GRANTED** the specified remote access to electronic records below, subject to the conditions of this Order:

- Behavioral Health: Once Behavioral Health is ordered by the CARE Court to evaluate an individual for potential CARE Court services, Behavioral Health shall have remote access to electronic records in that individual CARE Court case only.
- Office of the Public Defender: This office shall have access to CARE Court cases and mental health cases.
- Office of the District Attorney: This office shall have access to mental health cases.

- Office of County Counsel: This office shall have access to CARE Court cases.
- Probation Department: This office shall have access to CARE Court cases and mental health cases.
- Conflicts Program: This office shall have access to mental health cases.

Such access shall be subject to Rule of Court 2.540(c) and any Memorandum of Understanding or similar document required by the Court Executive Officer to enable access. Where not specifically addressed above, the Court may restrict access only to those attorneys or other representatives of any of the above offices who are directly involved in specific cases, as determined by the Court Executive Officer in consultation with the Presiding Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 11, 2025



HON. CHRISTOPHER R. BOWEN
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Contra Costa County

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

FILED
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DATE: September 30, 2019
JUDGE: BARRY BASKIN

DEPARTMENT 1
COURT CLERK: JANE WATERS
UNREPORTED

K. BIEKER CLERK OF THE COURT
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
By:  Deputy Clerk

STANDING ORDER RE FACSIMILE FILING IN CERTAIN JUVENILE CASES

Under Rule 5.522 of the California Rules of Court, a court that accepts facsimile filings has discretion to accept facsimile filing of petitions in juvenile cases under various Welfare and Institutions Code sections, including sections 300, 601 and 602. This Court's local rules permit facsimile filing generally and specifically in juvenile dependency proceedings. (See Local Rules 2.80 *et seq.*)

Accordingly, while a Standing Order is not necessary to address this issue in light of the discretion conferred under the Rules of Court and this Court's acceptance of facsimile filing, **IT IS ORDERED** that the Court shall accept facsimile filing of juvenile petitions under Welfare and Institutions Code sections 600 and 601. Such filings shall include Judicial Council Form JV-520 – Fax Filing Cover Sheet (Juvenile). Further, any such petitions filed by facsimile in 2017 or 2018 are deemed filed under the California Rules of Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 10/1/19



BARRY BASKIN
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Contra Costa County

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA**

**NINTH AMENDED STANDING ORDER
RE: E-FILING IN CIVIL CASES**

February 2, 2026

Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1010.6(d) and Rules 2.252 and 2.253 of the California Rules of Court, the Court adopted Local Rule 2.87 regarding mandatory electronic filing and service in Designated Cases in January of 2022.

Further to that Local Rule, the Court **ORDERS** as follows:

1. **Electronic filing in Designated Cases will be mandatory beginning on July 5, 2022**, and shall be available optionally beginning on June 20, 2022.
2. The following are Designated Cases for electronic filing:
 - a. Limited and Unlimited Civil cases, including Complex matters.
 - b. Family Law, including DCSS matters.
 - c. Probate.
 - d. Small Claims.
 - e. Unlawful Detainer.
 - f. Appeals.

3. The following documents may not be electronically filed and must still be filed/lodged in hard copy form unless otherwise ordered by the Presiding Judge or provided in an amended Local Rule:
- a. Documents related to Civil Harassment Restraining Orders and Workplace Violence Restraining Orders.
 - b. Bonds and undertakings.
 - c. Bench warrants.
 - d. Petitions for Name Change.
 - e. Challenges under Code of Civil Procedure §§ 170.1/170.3 and 170.6, except in Domestic Violence Restraining Order cases.
 - f. In Civil matters:
 - i. Subpoenas.
 - ii. Administrative Records. (Administrative records should be submitted on a flash drive, or by hard copy if ordered by the Court.)
 - g. In Civil Complex matters:
 - i. Subpoenas.
 - ii. Administrative Records.
 - h. In Probate matters:
 - i. Ex Parte Motions and Oppositions.
 - ii. Affidavit re Real Property of Small Value.
 - iii. Bonds.
 - iv. Estate Planning Documents.
 - v. Wills and Codicils.

- vi. Subpoenas.
- vii. Letters of Administration/Testamentary/Conservatorship/
Guardianship.

i. In Family matters:

- i. Judgments.
- ii. Notice of Entry of Judgment.
- iii. Abstract of Judgment.
- iv. Ex Partes and responses to ex partes / Contempts.
- v. Opposition to Commissioner.
- vi. Writs.
- vii. Subpoenas.

j. In Small Claims matters:

- i. Subpoenas.
- ii. Certificate of Facts -DL30.

4. Courtesy copies of electronically-filed documents are not required unless ordered by a judicial officer in a specific matter.

5. All remaining provisions of Local Rule 2.87 continue in effect.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 2, 2026

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HON. CHRISTOPHER R. BOWEN
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Contra Costa County

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA**

DATE: December 18, 2025
JUDGE: Hon. Christopher R. Bowen

DEPARTMENT 1
COURT CLERK: Caroline Ruaro
UNREPORTED

STANDING ORDER RE:
PETITIONS FOR CONVICTION SEALING (P.C. § 851.93) AND/OR
CONVICTION RELIEF WHERE RELIEF PREVIOUSLY GRANTED (P.C. §1203.425)

I. Penal Code section 851.93

Penal Code section 851.93 requires the California Department of Justice to, in certain circumstances, automatically grant conviction sealing to certain defendants who meet the statutory criteria. In certain cases, individuals who have received such relief may nonetheless have petitioned the Court for the same relief, though such a petition would no longer be necessary.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that, upon confirmation that all charges resulting in conviction that are the subject of a pending motion for conviction relief before this Court have in fact been sealed by the Department of Justice under Penal Code §851.93:

1. The Clerk shall issue written notification to the parties to the pending motion, which shall include the docket number of the case on which sealing was granted, stating: "The California Department of Justice has confirmed that the petitioner in this case has been granted conviction relief pursuant to California Penal Code §851.93. Accordingly, petitioner need not calendar a motion date with this Court for conviction relief."
2. The Clerk shall enter sealing of the associated case seeking conviction relief.

II. Penal Code section 1203.425

Penal Code section 1203.425 requires the California Department of Justice to, in certain circumstances, automatically grant conviction relief/expungement to certain defendants who meet the statutory criteria. In certain cases, individuals who have received such relief may nonetheless have petitioned the Court for the same relief, though such a petition would no longer be necessary.

Accordingly, it is **FURTHER ORDERED** that, upon confirmation that all charges resulting in conviction that are the subject of a pending motion for conviction relief before this Court have in fact been expunged by the Department of Justice under Penal Code §1203.425:

1. The Clerk shall issue written notification to the parties to the pending motion, which shall include the docket number of the case on which expungement was granted, stating: "The California Department of Justice has confirmed that the petitioner in this case has been granted conviction relief pursuant to California Penal Code §1203.425. Accordingly, petitioner need not calendar a motion date with this Court for conviction relief."
2. The Clerk shall enter dismissal of the associated petition seeking conviction relief.

Dated: December 18, 2025

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HON. CHRISTOPHER R. BOWEN
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Contra Costa County

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA**

**STANDING ORDER RE: PERMISSIVE E-
FILING IN CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE
CASES**

NOVEMBER 16, 2023

Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1010.6(d) and Rules 2.252 and 2.253 of the California Rules of Court, the Court will permit e-filing in Criminal and Juvenile cases, as set forth in this standing order pending amendment to the Local Rules, effective November 27, 2023. Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** as follows:

1. Electronic filing shall be permitted in Criminal and Juvenile cases beginning on November 27, 2023. As Rule 2.252 of the California Rules of Court permits mandatory electronic filing only in Civil cases, nothing in this Order shall be interpreted as mandating electronic filing in either Criminal or Juvenile Delinquency case types. E-filing is optional in Juvenile Dependency cases.
2. The following documents **may not be electronically filed** and must still be filed/lodged in hard copy form unless otherwise ordered by the Presiding Judge or provided in an amended Local Rule or Standing Order:

a. In Criminal matters:

- i. Initial Complaints/Petitions.
- ii. Parole Revocation Filings.
- iii. Parole Warrants.
- iv. Post-Release Community Supervision Warrants.
- v. *Ramey* Warrants.
- vi. Search Warrants.
- vii. Waivers of Extradition.
- viii. Criminal Habeas Corpus Petitions.
- ix. Orders/Judgments.
- x. Challenges under Code of Civil Procedure §§ 170.1/170.3 and 170.6.
- xi. Ex Parte Motions and Oppositions.

b. In Juvenile matters:

- i. Initial Complaints/Petitions.
- ii. Reports and Recommendations.
- iii. Orders/Judgments.
- iv. Warrants.
- v. Challenges under Code of Civil Procedure §§ 170.1/170.3 and 170.6.
- vi. Ex Parte Motions and Oppositions.

3. Courtesy copies of electronically-filed documents are not required unless ordered by a judicial officer in a specific matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 16, 2023



HON. EDWARD G. WEIL
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Contra Costa County

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA**

DATE: SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

JUDGE: HON. CHRISTOPHER R. BOWEN

DEPARTMENT 1

**COURT CLERK: CAROLINE RUARO
UNREPORTED**

**CIVIL EX PARTE APPLICATIONS AND
MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT / ADJUDICATION**

I. Civil Ex Parte Motions, Oppositions, and Hearings.

A. Application / Effective Date.

1. This order shall apply to ex parte applications in Unlimited and Limited Civil cases, and Unlimited Unlawful Detainer cases. It shall not apply to Family, Probate, Limited Unlawful Detainer, or Restraining Order cases. It shall become effective on **September 15, 2025**.
2. The Court will accept ex parte applications under existing procedures (appearance at set hours), through September 30, 2025. Thereafter, applications must follow the process in this order.

B. Notice to Parties. Notice of the filing of an ex parte application must be provided to the opposing party or their counsel no later than 10:00 a.m. the day before the application will be presented to the Court, absent a showing of exceptional circumstances justifying a shorter notice period, as provided in California Rules of Court, rule 3.1203. A declaration regarding notice must be submitted with the ex parte application papers.

C. Notice to Court: The party seeking ex parte relief must provide email notification to the assigned department no later than 10:00 am on the court day before the ex parte determination.

D. Ex Parte Application Papers. All ex parte papers shall be served and submitted to the Clerk's Office no later than 3:00 pm the day before the ex parte determination. Submissions shall be filed electronically unless the party is self-represented and has not elected to participate in electronic filing. Papers may be served on the parties personally or electronically. The moving party must notify the Court if an opposition is expected.

E. Opposition to Ex Parte Application. Oppositions to the ex parte relief requested shall be submitted to the Clerk's Office and served on the party making the request as soon as possible, but not later than 10:00 a.m. on the

day of the ex parte determination. Submissions shall be filed electronically unless the party is self-represented and has not elected to participate in electronic filing. The opposition must be personally or electronically served on the other party and proof of service must be submitted with the opposition at the time it is filed.

- F. **Request for Appearance at Hearing.** If either party requests to appear on the application or opposition, the application or opposition must state this request on the face page of the ex parte application and/or opposition. Hearings will only occur if ordered by the Court. The Court will notify the parties of the date and time of the hearing on the ex parte request.
- G. **Decisions on Ex Parte Applications.** The Court will endeavor to rule on the application within 24 hours of the date scheduled for the ex parte determination, or 24 hours after the hearing if one is scheduled. Applications with extensive briefing may require more time for the Court to decide.

II. Motions for Summary Judgment / Adjudication

- A. **Application / Effective Date.** This order shall apply to motions for summary judgment / adjudication filed in Unlimited and Limited Civil cases. It shall not apply to Family, Probate, or Unlawful Detainer matters. It shall become effective on **September 15, 2025**.
- B. **Reservations.** Parties moving for summary judgment/adjudication must reserve a hearing date and time prior to filing any moving papers. Reservations may be requested by email to the department. The Court will respond with the date and time of the scheduled hearing.
- C. **Filing of Motion.** Once the reservation date is confirmed by the Court, the moving party shall have **seven (7) calendar days** to file the moving papers with the Court. Failure to file the moving papers within this period may result in the reserved hearing time being vacated by the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 3, 2025



HON. CHRISTOPHER R. BOWEN
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Contra Costa County

Superior Court of California
County of Contra Costa

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STEPHEN H. NASH, CLERK OF THE COURT
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
By K. Cardinale, Deputy Clerk

Dangerous, Toxic, Bio-Hazardous Material)
_____)
Order re Return of Dangerous, Toxic, Bio-Hazardous Material/Exhibits

It is hereby **ORDERED THAT:**

The Court will not store dangerous, toxic or bio-hazardous materials as exhibits in any case, including but not limited to drugs, paraphernalia, paint, bodily fluids, urine and weapons. The party intending to introduce any of these above referenced materials shall bring photographs of the materials on the date they intend to introduce the materials in court. This photograph will be marked and substituted for the materials when the court finds good cause to do so.

Pursuant to Penal Code **1417.3**, at any time prior to the final determination of the action or proceeding, exhibits offered by the state or defendant shall be returned to the party offering them by order of the court when an exhibit poses a security, storage or safety problem, as recommended by the clerk of the court. Upon court order, the clerk shall substitute a full and complete photographic record of any exhibit or part of any exhibit returned under this section. The submitting party shall produce said photographs.

Exhibits toxic by nature that pose a health hazard to humans shall be introduced to the court in the form of a photographic records and written chemical analysis certified by a competent authority. Where the court finds that good cause exists to depart from this procedure, toxic exhibits may be brought into the courtroom and introduced. However, following introduction of the exhibit, the person or persons previously in possession of the exhibit shall take responsibility for it and the court shall not store the exhibit.

Dated: 5/15/15

[Signature]
Honorable Steven K. Austin, Presiding Judge

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Children & Family Services Bureau

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

In re the matter of:

persons coming under the Juvenile
Court law.

#6
) STANDING ORDER AUTHORIZING
) CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
) BUREAU TO REGULARLY
) PHOTOGRAPH DEPENDENT
) CHILDREN FOR IDENTIFICATION
) AND DOCUMENTATION PURPOSES

The Court finds that Contra Costa County Children & Family Services manages approximately 1100 open Dependency cases annually. Given the volume of cases and the number of workers involved, as well as the regular transfer of cases that occurs between different units and the rate of turnover among workers, there is a need for a court order to authorize Children and Family Services to regularly photograph children in protective custody and/or Dependents in order to be able to accurately identify the children when providing the children and their families with needed services. Photographic documentation of Dependent children and youth provides added assurance that despite file transfers and case worker turnover, the appropriate children and youth are served by Children & Family Services.

The Court also finds that having photographs of dependent children will aid in facilitating the recovery of missing or AWOL children.

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1 Based upon these findings, the Court hereby makes the following Standing Order:

2 Contra Costa County Children & Family Services/Employment and Human
3 Services Department is hereby authorized to:

4 Photograph children in protective custody and/or Dependent children who have
5 been placed outside the home at regular intervals and maintain such photographs in the
6 child's file in an effort to accurately document and record the child's identity for the
7 purpose of providing services to the child and his/her family.

8 Any photographs of Dependent children taken by Contra Costa County Children &
9 Family Services pursuant to this Standing Order shall be maintained in the child's file and
10 remain a confidential record pursuant to the provisions of California Welfare and
11 Institutions Code 827 et. seq.

12 This Order shall be a Standing Order of this Court effective immediately, and shall
13 remain in effect unless superseded or rescinded by a subsequent order.

14 IT IS SO ORDERED.

15 Dated: *Sept. 14, 2015*


THOMAS M. MADDOCK
Supervising Juvenile Court Judge

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

S. LIND CLERK OF THE COURT
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

By: **DATE: AUGUST 11, 2026**

JUDGE: HON. CHRISTOPHER R. BOWEN

DEPARTMENT 1

**COURT CLERK: CAROLINE RUARO
UNREPORTED**

FIRST AMENDED STANDING ORDER 4.3
RE: COURT REPORTERS IN FAMILY LAW CASES

The Court has provided reporters in Family Law cases generally since July 1, 2019, and amended its Local Rule 2.52 and 2.53 accordingly. These reporters are not officially assigned to specific departments but are assigned based on need. Due to the urgent need for the Court to have the ability to reassign reporters to meet statutory and constitutional mandates in other types of cases, **IT IS ORDERED** as follows:

1. The Court may move reporters from Family Law to perform reporting services in other court departments, except for those Family Law cases where a reporter is required by statute or case law.
2. Parties in Family Law proceedings in which court reporters will not be provided may provide their own as set forth in Local Rule 2.52.
3. Nothing in this order shall be interpreted to prohibit a judge from ordering electronic recording for an indigent litigant, consistent with the rights set forth in *Family Violence Appellate Project v. Superior Courts* (August 10, 2026, S288176), when a court reporter is unavailable.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 11, 2026



HON. CHRISTOPHER R. BOWEN
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Contra Costa County

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA**

DATE: MARCH 16, 2026

JUDGE: HON. CHRISTOPHER R. BOWEN

DEPARTMENT 1

**COURT CLERK: CAROLINE RUARO
UNREPORTED**

STANDING ORDER RE: WEAPONS SCREENING

I. Entry Directives

- a. Pursuant to the general authority conferred upon the Court under Code of Civil Procedure sections 128 and 187, persons entering any location of the Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa, in which a weapons-screening station is in use must enter through one of the security check points. Such persons may be required to pass through the weapons-screening station and/or submit to a search of their person and belongings.
- b. Persons entering any court location by way of a point of entry where a weapons-screening station is not in use are subject to a search of their person and belongings for concealed weapons and/or soft body armor.

II. Prohibition of Entry

- a. Any person refusing to pass through a weapons-screening station, or refusing to submit to a search of their person and belongings, will be denied entry into the building, except for the following:
 - i. Elected public officers (but not their deputies or assistants) under Article 6, Section 16 (a judge of a court of record) or Article 11 Section 1 (an elected county sheriff, an elected district attorney, an elected assessor, and an elected governing body) of the Constitution of California;
 - ii. Deputies or assistants of elected office holders, appointed office holders, or employees of the County or Court who display an employment identification card or other verifiable proof of office or employment that is approved by the Contra Costa County Sheriff and acknowledged by Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office staff at the weapons-screening station; and
 - iii. Persons issued proximity cards by the Court, the General Services Agency, and/or the County of Contra Costa who enter the court by separate entrance controlled by proximity cards.

- b. Nothing in this order shall be interpreted to prohibit an authorized member of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office from, in the exercise of their lawful discretion, denying entry to any person.

III. Prohibition of Armed/Armored Entry

- a. Except for peace officers who are at a courthouse on official court business (as defined below), any person in possession of any weapon described in Section 171b of the California Penal Code, or any person in possession of any object reasonably deemed capable of being used as a deadly or dangerous weapon by the Contra Costa County Sheriff, will be denied entry into the building. Any peace officer who is not on official court business, as defined below, must surrender any weapons or return without them and may reclaim any surrendered weapons upon exit from the courthouse.
- b. Except for peace officers authorized by the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office, any person wearing soft body armor will also be denied entry into the building.
- c. "Official Court business" means specifically:
 - i. Deputies and employees of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office, and any officer or deputy of a law enforcement agency who is present at the request of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office to provide mutual aid and/or assist with security;
 - ii. Other peace officers present at the courthouse to testify in a case, to be designated at any proceeding as an "investigating officer", to meet with employees of the District Attorney's Office in their official capacity, to accompany or provide transportation for a witness or other person associated with a case, to obtain a paper or hard copy warrant, to perform a records check, or to make a criminal arrest pursuant to a warrant; or
 - iii. District Attorney investigators who are present in their professional capacity.

IV. Other Prohibited Items

- a. Except as otherwise provided herein, all persons are prohibited from entering a courthouse or facility with any prohibited item. Examples of prohibited items include, but are not limited to:

- i. Firearms/Ammunition
 - ii. Knives (pocket knife, belt buckle knife, etc.)
 - iii. Metal Knuckles
 - iv. Chains, including wallet chains
 - v. Tools (hammer, screwdriver, wrench, etc.)
 - vi. Pepper spray, mace or tear gas
 - vii. Cutting instruments (Scissors, letter opener, box cutter, hatchet, sword, etc.)
 - viii. Handcuffs/handcuff keys
 - ix. Syringes (other than for medical use)
 - x. Knitting needles, sewing needles, large safety pins
 - xi. Glass Containers, ice picks, corkscrews and metal eating utensils
 - xii. Lighters, torches, flammable liquids
 - xiii. Chemicals/Fertilizers that are corrosive or flammable
 - xiv. Explosives
 - xv. Skateboards, golf clubs, and bats
 - xvi. Alcohol
 - xvii. Illegal drugs or paraphernalia
 - xviii. Laser Pointers
 - xix. Graffiti tools – markers, paint, etching tools, etc.
 - xx. Large poster board sheets or signs
 - xxi. Cameras or audio recording devices, unless the camera or recording device is approved for use under Rule of Court 1.150, or by the court's ADA Coordinator, Presiding Judge, or designee.
- b. Nothing in this order shall be interpreted to prohibit an authorized member of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office from, in the exercise of their lawful discretion, prohibiting an item from being brought into the courthouse if they reasonably suspect the item may compromise the security of the building or the safety of the court and court staff, other court users, or the general public.

V. Operational Control

- a. All weapons-screening station operations shall be under the direction of the Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 16, 2026



HON. CHRISTOPHER R. BOWEN
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Contra Costa County

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA**

DATE: MAY 15, 2026

JUDGE: HON. CHRISTOPHER R. BOWEN

DEPARTMENT 1

**COURT CLERK: CAROLINE RUARO
UNREPORTED**

STANDING ORDER RE: CASH PAYMENTS

Production of the penny ceased on or about November 12, 2025, creating a systemic shortage that impedes the Court's ability to provide exact change for transactions involving physical currency.

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that cash payments made to the Court shall be rounded to the nearest five-cent increment, following general accounting principles for symmetrical rounding, as follows:

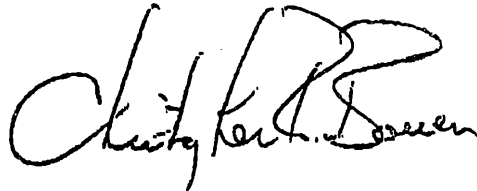
- If the final digit of the amount is 1 or 2, it shall be rounded down so that the amount ends in 0.
- If the final digit of the amount is 3 or 4, it shall be rounded up so that the amount ends in 5.
- If the final digit of the amount is 6 or 7, it shall be rounded down so that the amount ends in 5.
- If the final digit of the amount is 8 or 9, it shall be rounded up so that the amount ends in 0.

This Order shall apply only to cash transactions. Payments made by check, credit card, or electronic funds transfer shall be processed for the exact amount required by law or under the operative fee schedule.

This Order shall remain effect until otherwise ordered or superseded by statute.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 15, 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher R. Bowen", written over a horizontal line.

HON. CHRISTOPHER R. BOWEN
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Contra Costa County

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA**

DATE: JULY 8, 2026

JUDGE: HON. CHRISTOPHER R. BOWEN

DEPARTMENT 1

**COURT CLERK: CAROLINE RUARO
UNREPORTED**

STANDING ORDER RE: BAIL SCHEDULE

Due to a clerical error, the narrative section of the Felony and Misdemeanor Bail Schedules each had a single error concerning the impact of failures to appear on bail conditions. Specifically, each narrative stated that arrestees will be subject to a bail condition if they have "more than two" failures to appear for any criminal case in the preceding twelve months. However, the remaining sentences in each section consistently provide that the arrestee having "two or more prior failures to appear within the preceding twelve months" is a basis to require the arrestee to post cash bail.

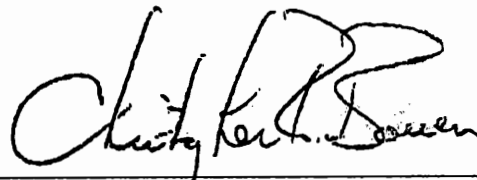
The intent of the schedules as approved is to require bail conditions for offenses otherwise designated as CR or BR where an arrestee has **two or more** failures to appear in the preceding twelve months. Good cause therefore appearing, the Court now **ORDERS** as follows:

1. In Section I(B)(5)(a) of the narrative section of the Felony Bail Schedule, the first sentence of the third full paragraph is amended to read as follows: "If an arrestee has two or more failures to appear for any criminal case in the preceding twelve months, the arrestee will be subject to a bail condition for the new arrest offense."
2. In Section I(B)(4)(a) of the narrative section of the Misdemeanor Bail Schedule, the first sentence of the third full paragraph is amended to read as follows: "If an arrestee has two or more failures to appear for any criminal case in the preceding twelve months, the arrestee will be subject to a bail condition for the new arrest offense."

This order shall remain in effect until otherwise ordered or until superseded by an amendment to the Bail Schedules approved by a vote of the Judges of this Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 8, 2026



HON. CHRISTOPHER R. BOWEN
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Contra Costa County