



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF KINGS

NOTICE

November 5, 2014

Beginning December 24, 2014 and extending through January 1, 2015, the Superior Court of Kings County will reduce staffing and temporarily limit the hours and operations of its Divisions and Departments as follows:

1. The Avenal and Corcoran Courts will be closed from December 24, 2014 through January 1, 2015. Only the Hanford Division of the Kings County Superior Court will remain open for business.
2. The Jury Office will be closed from December 24, 2014 through January 1, 2015; any questions regarding jury service should be directed to the Clerk of the Court at the Hanford Courthouse.
3. The Hanford Courthouse will close at noon on December 24, 2014. There will be no hearings or other proceedings scheduled after 12:00 p.m. on that day. The Clerk's Office will close at 12:00 p.m.; however a drop box for documents and payments will be available. Documents and payments deposited therein before 4:00 p.m. on December 24, 2014 will be deemed filed/received on that date. Documents/payments received after 4:00 p.m. on December 24, 2014, will be filed/received on December 26, 2014. Drop boxes will be located in Buildings A and B of the Hanford Courthouse located at 1426 South Drive, Hanford, California 93230. The drop box located in Building A will be located on the south end of the building and the one in Building B will be located on the north end of the building.
4. On December 26, 2014 through December 31, 2014, staffing of all departments of the Hanford Courthouse will be reduced. During this period of reduced staffing, the Hanford Courthouse Clerk's Office will resume its regular hours of operation [Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.]; however, longer processing and response times may be experienced.
5. On December 25, 2014 and January 1, 2015, the Hanford Courthouse will be closed. Pre-December 24, 2014 operations and staffing levels will be restored to all Divisions of the Kings County Superior Court on January 2, 2015.

The Superior Court Judges in Kings County have concluded that this temporary closure of outlying divisions and/or limitation in staffing levels and hours of the Hanford Courthouse is necessary in order to address the continued fiscal crisis that the Court faces. The limitation of hours and services set forth above is just one of many cost-saving steps taken by the Court to address the continued under-funding of the state's Judicial Branch.

Questions should be directed to: Jeffrey E. Lewis, Court Executive Officer, at Kings County Superior Court, 1426 South Drive, Hanford, California, 93230, (559) 582-1010, Ext. 5002.