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Superior Court of Kings County Launches New Security Screening System

Kings County—The Superior Court of Kings County will implement a new security screening system at the Hanford, Lemoore, Corcoran, and Avenal Court locations on September 17, 2007, Court Executive Officer Todd Barton announced today.

“With a high importance placed on ensuring safety and security for judicial, Court personnel, and the public, the Court received necessary funding from the Administrative Office of the Courts to meet these needs,” said Court Executive Officer Todd Barton. “It is the Superior Court’s hope that Court visitors are not too inconvenienced or delayed by the new process and those members of the public who are participating in or attending Court proceedings feel safer and secure. Over time, we expect that individuals will become accustomed to the screening process when they visit our Courts.”

The security funding allowed the Court to purchase specialty x-ray equipment, metal detector scanners, and hand-held wands. The Court also hired a private security company that provided trained security personnel working with the Sheriff’s Department, to manage each entry point of all Court buildings.

The responsibilities of security personnel include overseeing the operation of the equipment, screening each visitor that enters any Court building, and, if necessary, assisting the Kings County Sheriff’s Office Bailiff personnel with other security needs.

The addresses for each Court location are available on the Superior Court's Web site at www.kings.courts.ca.gov/locations/locations.asp.

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