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THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
KINGS COUNTY

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IN RE PROCEDURE REGULATING  
PHOTOGRAPHY, RECORDING AND  
BROADCASTING IN THE COURTHOUSE

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) STANDING ORDER RE PHOTOGRAPY,  
) RECORDING AND BROADCASTING IN THE  
) COURTHOUSE

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) ORDER NO. 2017 - 04  
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THIS COURT FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

This Order has been developed for the protection of all persons with business in the Superior Court of California, County of Kings courthouse and to ensure the safe, secure, orderly and efficient handling of proceedings and Court business. This Order is consistent with California Rules of Court, Rule 10.603, which vests in the Presiding Judge, the responsibility of establishing policies and providing a forum for the fair and expeditious resolution of disputes, as well as California Rules of Court, Rule 1.150, which establishes rules for media coverage within the courtroom. Requests for any exceptions to this Order must be submitted to the Court Executive Officer and will be considered by the Presiding Judge, Assistant Presiding Judge, or their designee.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that absent written judicial authorization, there shall be no photographing, filming, recording or broadcasting by the media, attorneys, or members of the general public within the Superior Court of California, County of Kings courthouse facility, including but not limited to courtrooms, entrances and exits, the lobby areas, hallways, stairs, elevators and business offices, except

1 as permitted within a courtroom by a judicial officer under California Rules of Court, Rule 1.150. This order  
2 is not intended to restrict the ability to photograph, film, record or broadcast from outside the entrances and  
3 exits of the courthouse facility provided such activity does not obstruct access to or from the building, or  
4 compromise security.

5 Videotaping, photography or electronic recording devices must be turned off while they are  
6 transported within the courthouse facility.

7 Jurors may not be videotaped, photographed or electronically recorded anywhere within the  
8 courthouse facility, any time, with the exception that once jurors have been discharged from a case and  
9 have turned in their juror badges, they may be videotaped, photographed or electronically recorded outside  
10 of the courthouse, only if they consent. Spectators may not be videotaped, photographed, or electronically  
11 recorded within a courtroom at any time, but may be videotaped, photographed, or electronically recorded  
12 outside the courthouse facility, only if they consent.

13 Camera-enabled devices that capture digital images, such as cell phones, PDA's or watches, may  
14 be brought into the courthouse facility and courtrooms, as long as the image- capturing features are not  
15 activated, used or displayed without written authorization from a judicial officer. Police officers with body  
16 worn cameras shall not activate the recording function of the camera unless involved in a law enforcement  
17 activity in the courthouse. Any person who wishes to document, photograph, record, or broadcast any  
18 portion of a Court proceeding, must seek and be granted prior written judicial approval, and must inform the  
19 Court security staff of his or her intentions.

20 This Order is not intended to interfere with or restrict the rights of the media to request permission  
21 from a judicial officer to allow media coverage within a particular courtroom, nor to interfere with the ability  
22 of each judicial officer to rule on such media requests, in conformity with California Rules of Court, Rule  
23 1.150.

24 This Order does not restrict or otherwise prohibit arrangements set up by the Court Executive  
25 Officer to allow photographing, recording or broadcasting by the media based on individual circumstances.

26 Special requests for photographing or filming of unoccupied courtrooms or jury rooms, or employee  
27 work areas must be made in writing to the Court Executive Officer.

28 A violation of this order may be the basis for an order terminating further media coverage, a citation

1 for contempt, confiscation of personal electronic devices, and/or an order imposing monetary or other  
2 sanctions.

3 This Order shall remain effective until amended or terminated by order of the Presiding Judge of the  
4 Superior Court of California, County of Kings.

5 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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7 DATED: April 10, 2017



8 **Hon. Steven D. Barnes**  
9 **PRESIDING JUDGE**

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