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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
GENERAL ORDER

ORDER RE CRIMINAL EXHIBIT VIEWING

Trial exhibits are court records that are presumed to be open to public inspection. California Rule of Court 2.550, subdivisions (b) and (c). However, access to all court records is subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions necessary to protect the safety and integrity of the exhibits, and minimize inspection from interfering with the court's need for access to the exhibits or the orderly operation of the clerk's office. *Bruce v. Gregory* (1967) 65 Cal.2d 666. Accordingly, requests to inspect criminal trial exhibits shall be made to the trial judge presiding over the pending criminal proceeding, or if the trial has concluded or the trial judge is unavailable, to the Supervising Judge of the courthouse where the trial was heard. Unless access to the particular exhibits is otherwise precluded by law, access should be granted pursuant to court order subject to such conditions as are necessary to protect the safety and integrity of the exhibits, and to minimize inspection from interfering with the court's need for access to the exhibits or the orderly operation of the clerk's office. In appropriate cases, such conditions may include notice of the request and opportunity to be heard by the prosecutor or defense counsel concerning the request, requirements that the inspection be in the presence of representatives from the prosecutor's office or of defense counsel, or other persons designated by the court. Inspection of any exhibits may also be conditioned upon payment of any costs determined by the court to be necessary to protect the safety and integrity of the exhibits, and to

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1 minimize inspection from interfering with the court's need for access to the exhibits or the
2 orderly operation of the clerk's office. Code of Civil Procedure § 128.

3 Prior General Orders of the Presiding Judge concerning Criminal Exhibit Viewing are
4 rescinded.

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6 GOOD CAUSE APPEARING THEREFOR, IT IS SO ORDERED.

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8 DATE: March 10, 2011



LEE SMALLEY EDMON
PRESIDING JUDGE

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