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

COURT SECURITY VIDEOS ) GENERAL ORDER  
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12           The Sheriff's office within each courthouse is responsible for the safety and security of all  
13 persons entering the courthouse. This responsibility requires the Sheriff's Department to respond to all  
14 incidents involving safety and security until rendered safe. As noted in the Sheriff's 2015 Law  
15 Enforcement Security Plan, p.16, prepared pursuant to Government Code section 69921, subdivision  
16 (c), "[t]o assist the Sheriff, video monitoring systems have been placed in courthouse public hallways,  
17 waiting areas, and some courtrooms, as well as, lockups and the clerk's office to assist in the security of  
18 courthouses." Audio is not captured except when an emergency button is engaged with regard to  
19 specific activity. Not all video is recorded, and, when recorded, is retained for only a limited period of  
20 time. The recordings are not an official record of court proceedings, and may not be used as such. (Gov.  
21 Code, § 69957.) Public disclosure of such recordings presents a security risk, as it will inappropriately  
22 disclose significant aspects of the Sheriff's security plan. The video monitoring systems are under the  
23 control of the Sheriff, and any recordings from such systems are in the custody of the Sheriff.

24           No public disclosure of any recordings shall be made except by order of a Supervising Judge of  
25 the Court in consultation with the involved courtroom judge, if any, after consideration of a noticed  
26 motion, with proof of service upon known litigants involved in the recorded proceedings, and, with  
27 regard to criminal matters, upon the Los Angeles County District Attorney and the Offices of the Public  
28 Defender and Alternate Public Defender. Any such motion must describe as narrowly as possible, the

1 time, date, and location of the video sought, the specific reasons disclosure is warranted, why there are  
2 no other alternatives, proposals for minimizing the potential impact on competing interests, including  
3 maintaining the Court's security, litigants' rights to a fair trial, protection of minor victims and  
4 witnesses, privacy interests of jurors, protection of witnesses from embarrassment or intimidation,  
5 protection of attorney-client privilege, national security, and the maintenance of courtroom dignity and  
6 decorum. (*NBC Subsidiary v. Superior Court* (1999) 20 Cal.4th 1178, 1222, n. 46.)

7       Upon receiving any subpoena or request for access to such recordings, the Sheriff or Clerk of  
8 the Court shall provide the requestor with a copy of this Order, and notify the appropriate Supervising  
9 Judge of the request and the delivery of a copy of this order. Unless further directed by the Court, no  
10 further action or court appearance by the Sheriff or Clerk of the Court is necessary.


11       This General Order does not apply to internal requests from the Executive Officer/Clerk of Court  
12 related to court administrative matters. Internal court access to such recordings shall be governed by  
13 written court policy.

14       Effective immediately, this General Order is to remain in effect until otherwise ordered by the  
15 Presiding Judge.

16       GOOD CAUSE APPEARING THEREFOR, IT IS SO ORDERED.

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20 DATED: January 4, 2021



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ERIC C. TAYLOR  
Presiding Judge