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

No public disclosure of any recordings shall be made except by order of the Supervising Judge of the Criminal Division of the Court, after consideration of a noticed motion, with proof of service upon known litigants involved in the recorded proceedings, and, with regard to criminal matters, upon the Los Angeles County District Attorney and the Offices of the Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender. Any such motion must describe as narrowly as possible, the time, date, and location of the

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

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

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

GOOD CAUSE APPEARING THEREFOR, IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: January 3, 2017

Presiding Judge