

# SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

IN RE:

#### STANDING ORDER OF THE COURT

ORDER ADOPTING SACRAMENTO COUNTY'S POLICY RE: SECURING EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL

Pursuant to the unanimous vote of the Judges of Sacramento County Superior Court on May 20, 2021, IT IS ORDERED that the attached Policy re: Securing Equal Access to Justice for All is adopted.

DATED: 5/24/2021



THE HONORABLE RUSSELL L. HOM Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento

# **Superior Court of California**

### **County of Sacramento**



# Policy re: Securing Equal Access to Justice for All

Pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) No. 54 (2017-2018 Regular Session) and the recommendations of the Attorney General, the Sacramento Superior Court adopts the following policy regarding immigration issues so as to secure equal access of justice in all of its courthouses.

#### **Policies for State Court Facility Access**

#### **Protecting Access to Justice**

- ➤ The Court permits wide access to justice through the use of pseudonyms, where feasible and appropriate to protect an individual's safety, and permitted or required by applicable state law or by Court order.
- Court personnel may not disclose citizenship or immigration status information about any person, unless the requirements of Evidence Code sections 351.2, 351.3, and 351.4 are met and such disclosure is specifically required by judicial warrant or order, or by state or federal law.
- ➤ Court personnel shall not inquire about the immigration status of an individual, including a crime victim or a witness, unless such inquiry is required for the performance of the court personnel's regular duties.
- Court policies reducing the frequency with which parties need to appear in court shall be implemented, where feasible and permitted under applicable state law or court order. For example, appearances may be waived for proceedings where the parties' appearances are not required to make decisions or provide testimony at the discretion of the judicial officer. Technology may be used to permit remote appearances by phone or video when practicable and at the discretion of the judicial officer, as permitted under local rules, the California Rules of Court, and applicable state law or court order.
- ➤ The court shall designate two access liaisons per courthouse, a primary and a backup, who will be trained on these policies. Any court staff member presented with a request by an immigration official shall immediately refer that official to an access liaison.
- ➤ Court employees identified as potentially having direct interactions with immigration enforcement officers will receive training on these policies.
- > All court staff shall be informed of, and receive a copy of these policies.

#### **Protections for Specific Litigants**

#### **Protecting Children**

- ➤ Unless otherwise determined by the Court, it is presumed that immigration enforcement does not have a direct and legitimate interest in individual juvenile proceedings nor in the work of the court.
- Unless otherwise determined by the Court, in order to protect the best interests of children, arrests for immigration enforcement purposes are prohibited within juvenile courthouses or courtrooms unless there is an immediate risk to the safety and protection of the public.

#### **Protecting Immigrant Crime Victims**

➤ The Court, upon request, shall require all hearing officers complete "Supplement B, U Nonimmigrant Status Certifications" (Form I-918) for immigrant crime victims of criminal activity listed on Penal Code section 679.10, subdivision (c), who possess information

- about the qualifying criminal activity, unless the victim has refused or failed to provide information reasonably requested by law enforcement or unless otherwise ordered by the Court.
- ➤ The Court shall prohibit all hearing officers who have certified victim helpfulness on the Form I-918 from disclosing the immigration status of a victim or person requesting the Form I-918 Supplement B certification, except to comply with federal law or legal process, or if authorized by the victim or person requesting the Form I-918 Supplement B certification.

### Responding to Immigration Enforcement Activities at State Court Facilities

#### Training Court Staff on Responding to Immigration Enforcement Activity

The following protocols are established for use by the Sacramento Superior Court:

- ➤ Court personnel who receive in-person, written, telephonic, or electronic requests for information related to immigration enforcement shall immediately direct these requests to one of the court's designated access liaisons.
- ➤ All areas of the Court requiring a perimeter access card or access code are considered nonpublic and no person, unless authorized or approved by the Court, is permitted to access nonpublic areas. All other areas of the Court are public.
- ➤ Sacramento Superior Court's access liaisons shall receive training regarding the different type of warrants, subpoenas, and court orders that may be presented to effect an arrest or to obtain records in immigration enforcement actions, attached to this policy. This training shall include the following requirements:
  - ✓ The ability to differentiate between administrative warrants and judicial warrants signed by a judge or magistrate.
  - ✓ The ability to differentiate between administrative and judicial subpoenas.
  - ✓ The procedure for responding to any warrant, subpoena, or order issued in connection with immigration enforcement activities.
- Sacramento Superior Court's access liaisons shall be trained that Department of Homeland Security (DHS) administrative subpoenas and federal court subpoenas do not require immediate compliance despite the warning language that may be included on the form. Subpoenas shall be submitted for review and a decision by the court executive officer, the presiding judge, their delegate, or court counsel on how to respond to the subpoena.
- ➤ Sacramento Superior Court personnel are prohibited from assisting in immigration enforcement actions, including by engaging in any of the activities listed in Government Code section 7284.6, subdivision (a), unless the exceptions set forth in section 7284.6 (as applicable to law enforcement agencies) are applicable.

#### Responding to Requests for Access for Immigration Enforcement Purposes

As soon as possible, the court's access liaison shall notify the court executive officer, the presiding judge, or designee, of any request by officers engaged in immigration

- enforcement for access to nonpublic restricted areas of a courthouse or any request for review of nonpublic court documents.
- In addition to notifying the court executive officer, the presiding judge or their designee, the court's access liaison shall take the following steps in response to the service of a subpoena or a request for access to execute an administrative arrest warrant.
  - Advise the immigration enforcement officer that before proceeding with his or her request, the court's access liaison must first notify and receive direction from the court executive officer, the presiding judge, or their designee. The access liaison may request the officer to report directly to the Executive Office or Presiding Judge.
  - 2. The access liaison should ask to see, and make a copy of or note, the officer's credentials (name and badge number). Also ask for and copy or note the phone number of the officer's supervisor.
  - 3. The access liaison should ask the officer for his/her reason for being at the courthouse and note the response.
  - 4. The access liaison should ask the immigration enforcement officer to produce any documentation that authorizes court access.
  - 5. If the immigration enforcement officer orders immediate access to court facilities, court personnel should not refuse the officer's orders and immediately contact the court executive officer, the presiding judge, or their designee.
  - 6. The Sheriff's Office shall contact one of the court's designated access liaisons when presented with any requests for access or information related to immigration enforcement.
  - 7. State that the Sacramento Superior Court does not consent to entry of Sacramento Superior Court facilities or portions.
  - 8. Without expressing consent, the access liaison shall respond as follows if presented with the following documentation:
    - O An ICE administrative "warrant" (see Appendices A and B): Immediate compliance is not required. The access liaison shall inform the officer that he or she cannot consent to any request without first consulting with the court executive officer, the presiding judge, or their designee. Provide a copy of the warrant to the court executive officer, the presiding judge or their designee (where possible, in consultation with legal counsel) as soon as possible.
    - A federal judicial warrant (either search and seizure warrant or arrest warrant; see Appendices C and D): Prompt compliance with such a warrant is usually legally required, but where feasible, consult with the court executive officer, the presiding judge or their designee, before providing the officer access to the person or materials specified in the warrant.
    - A subpoena for production of documents or other evidence (see Appendices E and F): Immediate compliance is not required. Inform the officer that court personnel cannot respond to the subpoena until after it has been reviewed by legal counsel for the court. Provide a copy of the subpoena

- to the court executive officer, the presiding judge, or their designee or legal counsel as soon as possible.
- A notice to appear (see Appendix G): This document is not directed at the Sacramento Superior Court. Court personnel are under no obligation to deliver or facilitate service of this document to the person named in the document. If you get a copy of the document, give it to the court executive officer, the presiding judge, or their designee or legal counsel as soon as possible.
- 9. If the immigration enforcement officer orders staff to provide immediate access to facilities, court staff should not refuse the officer's order and immediately contact the court executive officer, the presiding judge, or their designee. Court personnel shall not attempt to physically interfere with the officer, even if the officer appears to be exceeding the authorization given under a warrant or other document. If an officer enters a restricted area without consent, court personnel shall document his or her actions. All documentation shall be forwarded to the access liaison.
- 10. Court personnel shall document the immigration enforcement officer's actions while in court premises in as much detail as possible, but without interfering with the officer's movements. All documentation shall be forwarded to the access liaison.
- 11. The access liaison shall complete an incident report that includes the information gathered as described above and the officer's statements and actions.
- 12.To the extent practicable, all court personnel who observe any immigration enforcement action taking place in, or in the immediate vicinity of, any court facility, shall report the incident to the court executive officer, the presiding judge, or their designee.

## Responding to Requests for Information for Immigration Enforcement Purposes

#### Collection and Dissemination of Personal Information

- Unless necessary to perform one's official duties, or required by law, court personnel shall not:
  - Inquire into an individual's immigration status;
  - Provide, to an officer engaged in immigration enforcement, information regarding a
    person's release date unless: (1) the officer has a valid judicial warrant, subpoena,
    or court order; (2) the person subject to the search has a criminal history that meets
    the criteria of California Government Code section 7282.5, subdivisions (a) and (b);
    or (3) the information is available to the public; or
  - Provide, to an officer engaged in immigration enforcement, personal information unless: (1) the officer has a valid judicial warrant, subpoena, or court order; or (2) the information is available to the public.
    - ✓ Personal information means any information that identifies or describes an individual, including, but not limited to, his or her name, social security number, physical description, home address, home telephone number,

education, financial matters, and medical or employment history.

- ➤ All other court personnel shall not:
  - Collect and maintain personal information, except as required by law or as necessary to perform one's official duties.
  - Ask an individual about his or her immigration status, except as required by law or as necessary to perform one's official duties.
- ➤ Court personnel shall not share information regarding any juvenile case file for the purposes of immigration enforcement unless specifically authorized to do so by a judicial order.

#### Responses to Requests for Information for Immigration Enforcement Purposes

- ➤ Court personnel shall not provide personal information to any person or entity for immigration enforcement purposes, unless: (1) such information is available to the public; or (2) is subject to a valid judicial warrant, subpoena, or court order.
- ➤ Court personnel shall not provide information regarding a person's release date or respond to requests for notification by providing release dates or other information unless that information: (1) is available to the public; (2) is subject to a valid judicial warrant, subpoena, or court order; or (3) is in response to a notification request from immigration authorities in accordance with Government Code section 7282.5
- ➤ Court personnel shall not use immigration authorities as interpreters when an interpreter is necessary to conduct the court's business.
- Court personnel shall revise the terms and use policies that permit access to their case management systems or any other database that contains non-criminal history information as follows:

All users of the court's case management systems or any other database that contains non- criminal history information shall agree, as a condition to being provided access to the systems and databases, that they shall not access or use any information contained within these databases for immigration enforcement purposes, except that users are not restricted in the use of criminal history information and are not restricted in the use of information regarding a person's immigration or citizenship status pursuant to Sections 1373 and 1644 of title 8 of the United States Code.

Court personnel shall not conduct any research on behalf of any individual, including, but not limited to, public and private investigators, by using the court's case management system unless ordered by the judge.

# Appendix A Immigrations and Customs Enforcement "Arrest Warrant" (Form I-200)

U.S.	DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECU	RITY Warrant for Arrest of Alien
		File No
		Date:
To:	Any immigration officer authorized pur Immigration and Nationality Act and p Regulations, to serve warrants of arrest	art 287 of title 8, Code of Federal
	e determined that there is probable cause to be novable from the United States. This determined	
	☐ the execution of a charging document to i	nitiate removal proceedings against the subject;
	☐ the pendency of ongoing removal proceed	dings against the subject;
	☐ the failure to establish admissibility subse	equent to deferred inspection;
	biometric confirmation of the subject's id databases that affirmatively indicate, by the information, that the subject either lacks imit is removable under U.S. immigration law; a	nselves or in addition to other reliable nigration status or notwithstanding such status
	statements made voluntarily by the subjected reliable evidence that affirmatively indicate notwithstanding such status is removable un	the subject either lacks immigration status or
	ARE COMMANDED to arrest and take in gration and Nationality Act, the above-name	to custody for removal proceedings under the ed alien.
		(Signature of Authorized Immigration Officer)
	(Prin	nted Name and Title of Authorized Immigration Officer)
	Certificate	of Service
ereby o	certify that the Warrant for Arrest of Alien w	
		(Location)
	(Name of Alien)	(Date of Service), and the contents of thi
ice we	ere read to him or her in the(Lange	language.
	Name and Signature of Officer	Name or Number of Interpreter (if applicable)
	rame and Signature of Officer	rame of rumber of interpreter (if applicable)

Form I-200 (Rev. 09/16)

#### Appendix B Immigrations and Customs Enforcement "Removal Warrant" (Form I-205)

	EPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY Immigration and Customs Enforcement
WAF	RRANT OF REMOVAL/DEPORTATION
	File No:
	Date:
To any immigration officer of the Unit	and States Department of Hameland Security.
To any miningration officer of the officer	ed States Department of Homeland Security:
	(Full name of alien)
who entered the United States at	on
	(Place of entry) (Date of entry)
is subject to removal/deportation from the	e United States, based upon a final order by:
an immigration judge in ex	clusion, deportation, or removal proceedings
a designated official	
the Board of Immigration A	ppeals
a United States District or	Magistrate Court Judge
and pursuant to the following provisions	of the Immigration and Nationality Act
and parodam to the following provisions	or the miningration and relationship year.
	states, by virtue of the power and authority vested in the Secretary of Home ates and by his or her direction, command you to take into custody and rem
from the United States the above-name	d alien, pursuant to law, at the expense of:
	(Signature of immigration officer)
	(Title of immigration officer)
	(Date and office location)

#### Appendix C Federal Search and Seizure Warrant (Form AO 93)

UNITED STA	ATES DISTRICT COURT
	for the
In the Matter of the Search of (Briefly describe the property to be searched or identify the person by name and address)	) ) Case No. ) )
SEARCH A	AND SEIZURE WARRANT
To: Any authorized law enforcement officer	
An application by a federal law enforcement of of the following person or property located in the (identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give	fficer or an attorney for the government requests the search  District of  we its location):
I find that the affidavit(s), or any recorded testi described above, and that such search will reveal (identification)	imon, establical probable cause to search and seize the person or property
	fy he per 10 / describe the property to be seized):
YOU ARE COMMANDED to exc. e this w	arrant on or before
YOU ARE COMMANDED to exe the this war in the daytime 6:00 a.t. to 10:00 p.m. □ at  Unless delayed notice is authorized below, you person from whom, or from whose aremides, the proper	arrant on or before(not to exceed 14 days) any time in the day or night because good cause has been established.
YOU ARE COMMANDED to exerce this work in the daytime 6:00 a.r., to 10:00 p.m. at  Unless delayed notice is authorized below, you person from whom, or from whose were es, the proper property was taken.  The officer executing this warrant, or an office.	arrant on or before
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YOU ARE COMMANDED to exerce this will in the daytime 6:00 a.r. to 10:00 p.m. at  Unless delayed notice is authorized below, you person from whom, or from whose view es, the proper property was taken.  The officer executing this warrant, or an office as required by law and promptly return this warrant and Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3103a(b), I find that in § 2705 (except for delay of trial), and authorize the offiproperty, will be searched or seized (check the appropriate	arrant on or before
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#### Appendix D Federal Arrest Warrant (Form AO 442)

United Stat	TES DISTRICT COURT
OMILE SIM	for the
United States of America	
V.	) Case No.
	)
	)
Defendant	)
·	CST WARRANT
To: Any authorized law enforcement officer	
YOU ARE COMMANDED to arrest and bring by (name of person to be arrested) who is accused of an offense or violation based on the following the statement of the	before a United states magistrate judge without unnecessary delay
☐ Indictment ☐ Superseding Indictment ☐ 1	
	In , pation
☐ Probation Violation Petition ☐ Supervised Release	
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☐ Probation Violation Petition ☐ Supervised Release This offense is briefly described as follows:  Date:	ase ion ion Petition
Date:  This warrant was received on (date)	ase ion Petition
Date:  This warrant was received on (date)	Issuing officer's signature  Printed name and title  Return
Date:  This warrant was received on (date)  at (city and state)	Issuing officer's signature  Printed name and title  Return  , and the person was arrested on (date)
☐ Probation Violation Petition ☐ Supervised Release This offense is briefly described as follows:  Date:  City and state:	Issuing officer's signature  Printed name and title  Return

# Appendix E Department of Homeland Security Immigration Enforcement Subpoena (Form I-138)

1. To (Name, Address, City, State, Zip Code)	DEPARTME	NT OF HOMELA	ND SECURITY
	IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT		
	SUBPOENA		
		to Appear and/or Produce Records 8 U.S.C. § 1225(d), 8 C.F.R. § 287.4	
Subpoena Number	0 0.3.0	. 9 1225(u), 6 C.F.	1. g 201.4
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2. In Reference To			
(Title of Proceeding)		(File Number	if Applicable)
y the service of this subpoena upon you, YO	U ARE HEREBY SUMMONE	D AND REQUIR	ED TO:
(A) APPEAR before the U.S. Custo Enforcement (ICE), or U.S. Citiz at the place, date, and time spe Block 2.	enship and Immigration Service cified, to testify and give information	s (* 3CIS) Official r un relating to the	named in Block 3 matter indicated in
(B) PRODUCE the records (books, USCIS Official named in Block 3			the CBP, ICE, or
our testimony and/or production of the indica			
quiry relating to the enforcement of U.S. imn ou to an order of contempt by a federal Distri	nigration laws all to	.C. & 1225(d)(4)	oena may subject (B).
. (A) CBP, ICE or USCIS Official before whom y		(B) Date	
Name	January Company	(b) bate	
Title			; :
Address			
Mulicaa		(C) Time	⊠ a.m.
Telephone Number			
, Records required to be product a 10, inspect in			
OAPTI.	5. Authorized Official		
	(Signa	aftire)	
	(0.5)		
AND SEC	(Printed	Name)	
If you have any questions regarding this subpoena, contact the CBP, ICE,		ile)	<del>- 11 - 11 - 1</del>
or USCIS Official identified in Block 3.	(Da	(Date)	
HS Form I-138 (6/09)			

#### Appendix F Federal Judicial Subpoena (Form AO 88B)

	United Stat	TES DISTRICT COURT for the
	laintiff V.	) ) () Civil Action No. ))
SUBPO		) CUMENTS, INFORMATION, OR OBJECTS ON OF PREMISES IN A CIVIL ACTION
To:	TO LEMIT MOLECTION	ON OF TREMISES IN THE VIEW RETION
-	(Name of ners	son to whom this subpoena is diverted)
documents, electronically material:	stored information, or object	cts, and to permit is spection, cop, its, testing, or sampling of the
other property possessed of	or controlled by you	AN. ED respermit entry onto the designated premises, land, or time, does, and location set forth below, so that the requesting party
now increase magazina	evey, photograph, test, r sa	.p. the property or any designated object or operation on it.
nay inspect, measure, sur		Date and Time:
Place:	5	Date and Time.
The following pro Rule 45(d), relating to you respond to this subpoena a		15 are attached – Rule 45(c), relating to the place of compliance; bject to a subpoena; and Rule 45(e) and (g), relating to your duty t
Place:  The following pro Rule 45(d), relating to you	ur protection as a person sub	15 are attached – Rule 45(c), relating to the place of compliance; bject to a subpoena; and Rule 45(e) and (g), relating to your duty t
The following pro Rule 45(d), relating to you respond to this subpoena a	ur protection as a person sub and the potential consequence	15 are attached – Rule 45(c), relating to the place of compliance; bject to a subpoena; and Rule 45(e) and (g), relating to your duty to
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The following pro Rule 45(d), relating to you respond to this subpoena a Date:	ur protection as a person sub and the potential consequence 	15 are attached – Rule 45(c), relating to the place of compliance; bject to a subpoena; and Rule 45(e) and (g), relating to your duty tices of not doing so.  OR

#### Appendix G Notice to Appear Form (Form I-862)

U.S. Department of Homeland Security	Notice to Appear
In removal proceedings under section 240 of the Immigration and Nationality Ac	
In the Matter of:	
Respondent:	currently residing at:
(Number, street, city, state and ZIP code)  1. You are an arriving alien.  2. You are an alien present in the United States who has not been admitted or paroled.  3. You have been admitted to the United States, but are deportable for the reasons stated below:	(Area code and phone number)
The Department of Homeland Security alleges that you:	
On the basis of the foregoing, it is charged that you are subject of recoval from the United States pursu provision(s) of law:  This notice is being issued after an asymm officer has found that the respondent has demonstrated a	
☐ Section 235(b)(1) order was vacated pursuant to :☐ 8 CFR208.30(f)(2) ☐ 8CFR235.3(b)(5)(i	v)
YOU ARE ORDERED to appear before an immigration judge of the United States Department of Justice	ce at:
on at (Complete Address of Immigration Court, Including Room Number, if any) on at to show why you should not be removed from to charge(s) set forth above.	the United States based on the
Date:	e of Issuing Officer)
See reverse for important information (City a	nd State) Form I-862 (Rev. 08/01/07)