



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA County of Sacramento

Public Notice – Criminal Division Implementation of Expanded Criminal Services

Effective July 13, 2020, all courthouses and courtrooms will remain closed for judicial business, except for the following essential Criminal functions:

- Criminal Division Filings
- Arraignments
- Time-Sensitive Preliminary Hearings
- Felony Law and Motion Hearings
- Misdemeanor Law and Motion Hearings
- Collaborative Courts
- Petitions for Post-Conviction Relief
- Criminal Appeals
- Warrants

All hearings scheduled in the Criminal Division can be located on the Court's website here: <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/criminal/calendar-search.aspx>

Criminal Division Filings:

On May 6, 2020, the Court resumed processing of all criminal filings for matters handled in departments located at the Gordon D. Schaber Courthouse and Main Jail. All filings **MUST** be submitted by way of the criminal filing drop box located at the west-entrance of the Gordon D. Schaber Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814; via the U.S. Postal Service; or, if directed, via the specific department email inbox.

For all new filings in criminal proceedings that require a hearing date in one of the Court's trial departments, parties must reserve a hearing date prior to filing. Parties may call and request to reserve a hearing date from the applicable department that normally handles such hearings for the given case. Parties are advised that available

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hearing dates for new motions will be at the discretion of individual judges, and may be dates occurring after the hearings that were previously continued and reset by the Court.

Arraignments for In-Custody and Out-of-Custody Defendants:

All felony, in-custody misdemeanor and misdemeanor DUI arraignment hearings occur in-person or through remote video conferencing via the interactive video conferencing app; Zoom. These remote hearings are being held daily from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Departments 60, 61, 62, 63 and 84. These hearings are being live-streamed to the Court’s YouTube channel and can be viewed by following these links:

Home Court	YouTube Link
Department 60	https://www.youtube.com/Dept60
Department 61	https://www.youtube.com/Dept61
Department 62	https://www.youtube.com/Dept62
Department 63	https://www.youtube.com/Dept63
Department 84 (Misd. DUI)	https://www.youtube.com/Dept84

All out-of-custody misdemeanor arraignment hearings are being held daily in Dept. 2 beginning at 1:30 p.m. These hearings occur in-person or through remote video conferencing via the interactive video conferencing app; Zoom. These hearings are not live-streamed and public may access hearings through the public lottery process which is outlined here: [Public Notice-Access to Criminal Jury Trials and Other Non-streamed Proceedings](#). Parties who wish to appear via Zoom may contact the courtroom for Zoom connection information.

Time-Sensitive Preliminary Hearings:

Specified preliminary hearings are being held daily in various departments located at the Gordon D. Schaber Courthouse. These hearings occur in-person or through remote video conferencing via the interactive video conferencing app; Zoom. These hearings are being live-streamed to the Court’s YouTube channel and can be viewed

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by following the assigned department’s designated link which is available here: [Department-Livestreams](#).

Felony and Misdemeanor Law and Motion Hearings:

All felony, in-custody misdemeanor and misdemeanor DUI law and motion hearings occur in-person or through remote video conferencing via the interactive video conferencing app; Zoom. These remote hearings are being held daily from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Departments 60, 61, 62, 63 and 84. These hearings are being live-streamed to the Court’s YouTube channel and can be viewed by following these links:

Home Court	YouTube Link
Department 60	https://www.youtube.com/Dept60
Department 61	https://www.youtube.com/Dept61
Department 62	https://www.youtube.com/Dept62
Department 63	https://www.youtube.com/Dept63
Department 84 (Misd. DUI)	https://www.youtube.com/Dept84

All out-of-custody misdemeanor arraignment hearings are being held daily in Dept. 2 beginning at 8:30 a.m. These hearings occur in-person or through remote video conferencing via the interactive video conferencing app; Zoom. These hearings are not live-streamed and public may access hearings through the public lottery process which is outlined here: [Public Notice-Access to Criminal Jury Trials and Other Non-streamed Proceedings](#). Parties who wish to appear via Zoom may contact the courtroom for Zoom connection information.

Collaborative Courts:

On July 6, 2020, the Court resumed proceedings on Collaborative Courts. The following Collaborative Courts are held bi-weekly in Dept. 8 or Dept. 2 on specified days of the week and times:

- Recovery Court
- Mental Health Treatment Court

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- ReEntry Court
- Veteran’s Treatment Court
- Prop 36 Court
- DUI Treatment Court
- Reset Court

These hearings occur in-person or through remote video conferencing via the interactive video conferencing app; Zoom. These hearings are not live-streamed and public may access hearings through the public lottery process which is outlined here: [Public Notice-Access to Criminal Jury Trials and Other Non-streamed Proceedings](#). Parties who wish to appear via Zoom may contact the assigned courtroom for Zoom connection information.

Petitions for Post-Conviction Relief:

On May 6, 2020, the Court resumed processing Petitions for post-conviction relief. All filings MUST be submitted in the criminal filing drop box located at the west-entrance of the Gordon D. Schaber Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814; or via the U.S. Postal Service (preferred).

The Court will schedule a new hearing date and notify parties for petitions submitted without reserved hearing dates. The Court will provide parties information on how remote appearances may be made. Most in-person appearances will be not permitted during the Court’s temporary closure period. If an in-person hearing is required, the matter may be continued to a date beyond the closure period.

For forms and instructions on filing petitions for post-conviction relief, please visit the Court’s website: <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/criminal/criminal.aspx>

Criminal Appeals:

On May 6, 2020, the Court resumed processing Written Notices of Appeal. All filings MUST be submitted in the criminal filing drop box located at the west-entrance of the Gordon D. Schaber Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814; or via the U.S. Postal Service (preferred).

For forms and instructions on filing a Notice of Appeal, please visit the Court’s website: <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/appeals/appeals.aspx#notice>

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Law Enforcement Personnel:

All Search Warrant requests MUST be submitted electronically during this timeframe. Please contact the County Operator to be connected with a Magistrate on Duty.

