



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF EL DORADO**

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JUDGE: Michael J. McLaughlin, Presiding Judge
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE: AMENDMENT TO LOCAL RULES

Effective September 17, 2026, Local Rule 2.00.17 of the El Dorado Superior Court is amended to add:

2.00.17 USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN THE COURTROOM

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K. Law Enforcement Use of Body-Worn Cameras

(1) Definitions. For purposes of this rule:

- (a) "Body-worn camera" means an electronic device used to photograph or record the performance of a peace officer in the course of their official duties.
- (b) "Peace officer" has the meaning specified in Penal Code section 830.
- (c) "Law enforcement activities" means a peace officer (i) is responding to a call for service within the courthouse, (ii) is conducting or assisting with an arrest or detention, (iii) is interacting with an individual who is not complying with a command from the peace officer or judicial officer, (iv) is responding to an emergency situation, or (v) reasonably believes that the use of force will be required.

(2) Permitted Use. A peace officer may use a body-worn camera in a courthouse to create a recording ONLY when the officer is conducting law enforcement activities as defined in subsection (1)(c) or when the officer has received prior authorization from the Presiding Judge.

(3) Limitations on activation of body-worn cameras:

- (a) The law enforcement activities do not include being present in connection with a pending matter as a witness or to assist the prosecution.
- (b) If a peace officer is present in a courthouse facility where juvenile matters are heard, the officer must comply with Welfare and Institutions Code section 827 and California Rules of Court, rule 5.552.
- (c) Disclosure of juvenile court matter that was recorded pursuant to this rule must comply with Welfare and Institutions Code section 827 and California Rules of Court, rule 5.552.
- (d) Except as allowed in subsection (2), a peace officer may not use a body-worn camera in the courthouse facility to create a recording.

- (4) In the event a body-worn camera video is made, the law enforcement agency shall provide written notice of the recording to the Court Executive Officer as soon as reasonably possible, but in any event no later than two (2) court days after the recording.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Dated: September 17, 2026



MICHAEL J. MCLAUGHLIN
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California