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KERN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN

**PERMISSIVE ELECTRONIC FILING
OF CHARGING DOCUMENTS IN
ADULT AND JUVENILE CRIMINAL
CASES**

MISCELLANEOUS NO.: STO-23-0008

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

The Superior Court of California, County of Kern will start accepting the electronic filing of charging documents in criminal cases filed by the Kern County District Attorney's Office. Specifically, in adult criminal and juvenile justice cases, the complaint, information, indictment, petition, and supporting case documents, may be filed electronically.

The acceptance of charging documents in adult criminal cases will be effective **July 17, 2023**. (Penal Code sections 690.5 and 959.1; Code of Civil Procedure section 1010.6).

The acceptance of charging documents in juvenile cases (i.e. petitions) filed pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code sections 601 or 602 will be effective

1 **July 31, 2023.** (California Rules of Court (CRC), rule 2.253(b) and rule 5.522(b) and
2 Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), section 212.5(a)).

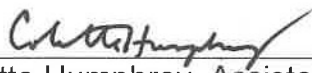
3 No other electronic filing is permitted for criminal or juvenile cases, other than
4 charging documents. All electronically filed charging documents are subject to Local
5 Rule 1.10. (See *also* Penal Code section 690.5; Code of Civ. Proc. section 1010.6 (a)
6 and (e)).

7 The Court will allow the use of digital signatures, which shall have the same
8 force and effect as the use of a manual signatures, if they comply with all of the
9 requirements of Government Code section 16.5. A party who files a document
10 containing a digital signature under this rule represents that the signer's certificate or
11 similar verification document is maintained in the party's possession or control, and is
12 subject to production upon request from the Court.

13 Pursuant to CRC, rule 1.201, it is the submitting party's responsibility to redact
14 confidential information (social security number, caregiver's address, etc.) so that the
15 information shall not be publicly displayed.

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17 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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19 Dated: July 12, 2023.

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23 Colette Humphrey, Assistant Presiding Judge
24 Kern County Superior Court
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