



Superior Court of California
County of Orange
News Release

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Defendant Injures Self in Courtroom this Morning

Santa Ana, CA – This morning in Department C28 on the eighth floor of the Central Justice Center, 700 Civic Center Drive West in Santa Ana, Jeffrey Scott Jones, an out-of-custody defendant was convicted on charges of sexual assault of a child. Just before deputies took him into custody, he attempted to harm himself using a razor blade.

Orange County Sheriff's Department personnel secured the defendant and provided medical aid. The defendant was transported to the hospital via ambulance for a non-life threatening wound. No one but the defendant was injured during this incident.

Orange County Sheriff's Department and Court management will be reviewing the incident as well as our weapons screening measures to determine how the blade entered the building, and to determine if modifications need to be made in the screening process.

The Court is aware that incidents such as these can cause physical or emotional reactions. In an effort to help employees deal with their reactions to the incident, the Employee Assistance Program has been made available to assist staff. The Orange County Health Care Agency is also offering assistance to jurors who were present in the courtroom this morning.

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