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Superior Court of California County of Orange

News Release

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COURT WILL CLOSE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2009

Only Limited Services will be Available

The Superior Court of Orange County will close most courthouses and furlough employees on August 19, 2009. The Court has taken this unprecedented step as a result of California's fiscal crisis and reduced state funding to trial courts.

- No court proceedings will be conducted, except for very limited services, as described below.
- Jurors are not to report for jury duty.
- No in-person services will be available for traffic matters. Citations may be paid online at www.occourts.org or at a court drop box.

Limited services will be available only at the Central Justice Center in Santa Ana and the Lamoreaux Justice Center in Orange. Click here for the court closure guide for services at those locations. Orange County Sheriff's personnel will be stationed outside closed courthouses at the West Justice Center in Westminster, North Justice Center in Fullerton, and the Harbor Justice Centers in Newport Beach and Laguna Hills. They will distribute instructions to individuals seeking emergency protective or temporary restraining orders. Sheriff personnel also will have forms at those locations for out-of-custody defendants to continue their hearings and extend bail.

This closure date is not a holiday; it is a court day, and all statutory time limits and due dates apply. Drop boxes or door slots are located at each justice center for filing papers and submitting payments. Click here for the court closure guide for locations at each courthouse. Properly completed documents placed in drop boxes before 5:00 p.m. will be considered received on the closed date.

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