

IN THE AVONDALE CITY COURT
IN THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA IN AND FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)	
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The Use of Recording Devices and)	Administrative Order
Portable Electronic Devices in the)	No. 2019 – <u>001</u>
Avondale City Court)	
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The Arizona Supreme Court, by rule, allows for use of recording devices in a courtroom and for use of portable electronic devices in a courthouse. However, camera coverage or use of portable electronic devices may be limited or denied if the harm arising from any of the factors set out in the rules outweighs the benefit to the public of camera use or coverage.

WHEREAS, Rule 122, Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, prohibits the use of a recording device during a court proceeding without express approval of the judge assigned to that proceeding; and

WHEREAS, Rule 122.1 specifies the permitted uses of portable electronic devices in a courthouse,

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Avondale Police Department that officers responding to calls for service in performance of their duties activate body-worn cameras to capture the incidents on video;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) that no person shall use a recording device in a courtroom without the prior, express permission of the judge assigned to that proceeding;
- 2) that no person may photograph, record (to include video and/or audio), live stream or broadcast, (a) images (including still shots), (b) video, and/or (c) audio of any individual in the courthouse without that individual's prior and express consent.
- 3) that a person may photograph, record, live stream or broadcast images and video obtained in areas outside the courtrooms only with the prior, express approval of the Presiding Judge or Court Administrator if that activity is not disruptive to court operations and does not compromise courthouse security.

- 4) that members of the Avondale Police Department and other sworn law enforcement officers are permitted to use body worn cameras when responding to calls for service in performance of their duties in court facilities, including courtrooms. Public release of the video will only be permitted after the footage has been successfully edited to mask or otherwise distort the view of any and all persons unrelated to the call for service including but not limited to judicial officers, staff, jurors, and members of the public.

THEREFORE, persons who use recording devices and/or portable electronic devices in violation of this Administrative Order may be required to delete the photographs, videos, or images, may be subject to a contempt sanction by the court, and may be subject to a trespass order and removed from the building. Violation of a trespass order may result in criminal charges.

Dated this 13th day of February, 2019.



Craig L. Jennings
Presiding Judge

