

IN THE DISTRICT COURTS OF
TOM GREEN COUNTY,
STATE OF TEXAS

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51ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
119TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
340TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
391ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NOTICE AND ORDER REGARDING ELECTRONIC DEVICES
IN THE TOM GREEN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

NO ONE may bring cameras, cell phones, smart watches, computers, pagers, or any device designed to connect to Bluetooth, radio frequency, cellular service, or Wi-Fi, into the Tom Green County Courthouse at 112 W. Beauregard, San Angelo, Texas, without specific permission granted by a District Judge, Criminal Magistrate Judge, or Associate Judge of Tom Green County.

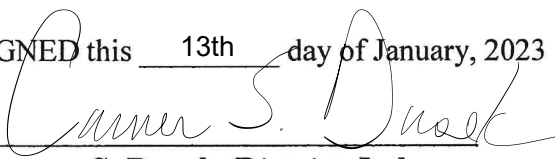
Any individual granted such permission may be asked to demonstrate that their device operates pursuant to the instructions and/or limitations specified by the Judge granting permission; and the individual shall comply with that request.

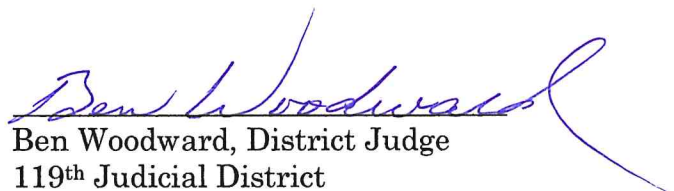
The photographing, video recording, audio recording, broadcasting, or televising of any person, object, or proceeding inside the Tom Green County Courthouse is NOT PERMITTED. Any individual who violates this Order may be subject to being removed from the Tom Green County Courthouse and having their electronic device forfeited to the Courthouse Security Division of the Tom Green County Sheriff's Office.

Approved electronic devices must be turned off or placed in silent mode while inside any courtroom, and may not be used in any manner without prior leave of Court.


Approved electronic devices may be used for non-restricted purposes outside of the courtrooms, provided that they are used in a reasonable and non-disruptive manner.

SIGNED this 13th day of January, 2023


Carmen S. Dusek, District Judge
51st Judicial District


Ben Woodward, District Judge
119th Judicial District


Jay K. Weatherby, District Judge
340th Judicial District


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**ORDER GRANTING PERMISSION TO BRING ELECTRONIC DEVICES
INTO THE TOM GREEN COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

The District Judges of Tom Green County hereby grant permission to the following persons to bring electronic devices into the Tom Green County Courthouse:

1. Licensed attorneys in good standing with the courts who are **NOT** appearing for jury duty, as a party to a civil or criminal matter, or as a witness in a civil or criminal matter;
2. Investigators and legal assistants, who are appearing with or for a licensed attorney in good standing with the courts, and who are **NOT** appearing for jury duty, as a party to a civil or criminal matter, or as a witness in a civil or criminal matter;
3. Bailiffs, Courthouse Security Officers, Jail/Prison Transport Officers (who are transporting a criminal defendant to the courthouse for a court proceeding), Constables, and other licensed Law Enforcement Officers, who are **NOT** appearing in their individual capacity for jury duty, as a party to a civil or criminal matter, or as a witness in a civil or criminal matter.
4. Supervisors, Investigators, and Case Workers for the Child Protective Services Division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, who are operating as an employee of CPS, and are **NOT** otherwise present in their individual capacity as a party, a witness, or for jury duty; and
5. Any person who requires an electronic device for medical purposes, and who can provide reasonable proof to Courthouse Security of the medical need for the device.

Each person who brings an electronic device into the Tom Green County Courthouse under permission granted by this Order **AGREES THAT**:

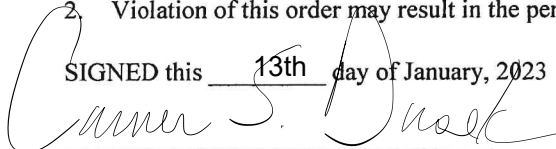
1. Unless they are an attorney representing a party to a matter presently before the Court, or an Investigator or Legal Assistant acting under the direction of such an attorney, they will not use the device during any court proceeding to communicate with any party or witness without the express, prior approval of the Court;
2. They will not record any person or proceeding without the express, prior approval of the Court;
3. They will not use the device to communicate with any person who is actively serving as a juror or prospective juror in any matter; and
4. They will not use the device to disseminate or receive information, photographs, or audio/video recordings of the court proceeding, or any person involved in the court proceeding, to or from any person or entity inside or outside of the Tom Green County Courthouse.

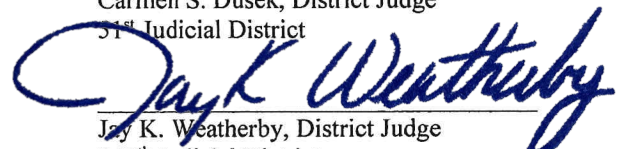
THE ONLY EXCEPTION to requirement number 4 immediately above will be a person who is allowed to bring a device into the courthouse for medical purposes. Such a device is allowed to communicate with a source outside of the courthouse, but only for the limited purpose of transmitting and receiving required medical information and data.

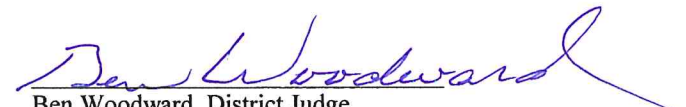
Each person who brings an electronic device into the Tom Green County Courthouse under permission granted by this Order **UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES THAT**:


1. Violation of this order may result in being removed from the Tom Green County Courthouse and having their electronic device forfeited to the Courthouse Security Division of the Tom Green County Sheriff's Office; and
2. Violation of this order may result in the person being held in Contempt of Court.

SIGNED this 13th day of January, 2023


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