

JUDGE'S STANDING ORDER NO. 6
PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEOGRAPHY AND SOUND RECORDINGS

On this date, the Court entered the following **ORDER** with respect to photography, videography and sound recordings:

A. PHOTOGRAPHY AND RECORDING PROHIBITED

Except for ceremonies and judicial investitures, the activities of photographing, televising, video transcribing, recording and broadcasting are prohibited in the courtrooms, chambers, offices, hallways or any other interior area of the City of Amarillo Municipal Court Building unless expressly approved by the Court in advance.


B. ENFORCEMENT OF ORDER

A bailiff or court warrant officer who observes a violation of this order shall enforce the order according to guidelines established by the Court.

C. EXCEPTION

This prohibition does not apply to such activities when conducted by or at the request of court personnel.

IT IS SO ORDERED. Signed and Entered this 19th day of September, 2018.


Laura Hamilton
Presiding Judge

GUIDELINES FOR ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGE'S STANDING ORDER NO. 6

1. A bailiff or warrant officer who observes a person inside the court taking photographs, or broadcasting, televising or making any kind of recording, should follow these steps:
 - a. Ask the person if their activity has been approved by the presiding judge.
 - b. If the person says yes, check with the presiding judge for confirmation.
 - c. If the person says no or will not commit, advise the person that the Presiding Judge does not allow recording in the court, and ask them to stop the activity.
 - d. If the person refuses to stop the activity, advise the person to leave the building, unless the person is in custody.
 - e. If the person refuses to leave the building, or is in custody, confiscate the recording device and advise the person that it will be returned when they are ready to leave the building.
2. If a device is confiscated, the bailiff or warrant officer will not review the contents of the device or delete any material from the device. If the bailiff or officer believes there may be a reason such material should be reviewed, he or she will advise the presiding judge and wait for further instructions.