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JUVENILE DEPENDENCY COURTROOMS RELOCATE TO CENTRAL DIVISION COURTHOUSE

Effective Monday, February 7th, 2011, the Juvenile Dependency Court building at 1255 Fulton Mall will be closed. Juvenile Dependency Courtrooms 98C and 98D and the Clerk's Office have been relocated to the second floor of the Fresno Superior Court Central Courthouse, located at 1100 Van Ness, Fresno, CA 93724. The phone number, (559) 457-4810 remains the same.

Background

The County of Fresno and the Court rented the four-courtroom building on Fulton Mall in 1999 to centralize personnel from various agencies working with families in the dependency court system. These included the Court, Department of Children and Family Services, the District Attorney's and Public Defender's Offices.

In October 2009, budget shortages prompted the County of Fresno to consolidate the county satellite offices into other locations. This left the second floor of the building mostly vacant and negated any efficiency the Fresno Superior Court gained by renting space there. The Probate and the Civil Law and Motion courtrooms formerly located in the Dependency Court building have since relocated to the B. F. Sisk Courthouse in November and December of 2010. This left only the two dependency courtrooms operating in the building on Fulton Mall, and without the county justice partners.

The second floor has been modified to accommodate the Juvenile Dependency Courtrooms and related Clerk's Office, CASA, and a large public waiting area.

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