

Tentative Rulings for July 22, 2026
Department 501

For any matter where an oral argument is requested and any party to the hearing desires a remote appearance, such request must be timely submitted to and approved by the hearing judge. In this department, the remote appearance will be conducted through Zoom. If approved, please provide the department's clerk a correct email address. (CRC 3.672, Fresno Sup.C. Local Rule 1.1.19)

There are no tentative rulings for the following cases. The hearing will go forward on these matters. If a person is under a court order to appear, he/she must do so. Otherwise, parties should appear unless they have notified the court that they will submit the matter without an appearance. (See California Rules of Court, rule 3.1304(c).) *The above rule also applies to cases listed in this "must appear" section.*

26CU00931 *Watson, et al. v. City of Sanger, et al.* (Dept. 501)—See tentative ruling below for further instructions.

24CECG02116 *Garcia v. Cookson et al.* (Dept. 501)

The court has continued the following cases. The deadlines for opposition and reply papers will remain the same as for the original hearing date.

22CECG01025 *The State of California v. Parkwood Mart, LLC* is continued to Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. in Department 501.

24CECG01665 *Porraz v. Quality Group Homes, Inc.* is continued to Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. in Department 501.

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Tentative Ruling

Williams v. Whalen

Hearing Date: July 22, 2026 (Dept. 501)

Tentative Ruling:

Explanation:

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 3.1312(a), and Code of Civil Procedure section 1019.5, subdivision (a), no further written order is necessary. The minute order adopting this tentative ruling will serve as the order of the court and service by the clerk will constitute notice of the order.

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Tentative Ruling

Re: **Watson, et al. v. City of Sanger, et al.**
Superior Court Case No. 26CU00931

Hearing Date: July 22, 2026 (Dept. 501)

Motion: By Plaintiffs for Trial Setting Preference

Tentative Ruling:

To grant. (Code Civ. Proc., § 37.) The parties are to appear Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. in Department 501 for a trial setting conference.

Explanation:

Code of Civil Procedure section 37 provides for trial setting preference in a civil action where a plaintiff is seeking damages arising from commission of a felony for which the defendant has been criminally convicted. While typically trial preference requires the court to set a trial within 120 days of granting the preference, this is not required under these circumstances. (Code Civ. Proc., § 37, subd. (b).)

The motion is supported by a declaration by plaintiffs' counsel and request for judicial notice of a Superseding Indictment filed June 6, 2024 in *United States v. J. Deshawn Torrence*, a Jury Verdict filed February 3, 2025 in the same matter reflecting guilty verdicts, and the Judgment entered October 5, 2025 in the same matter.

The motion is granted and the parties are to appear for trial setting.

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 3.1312(a), and Code of Civil Procedure section 1019.5, subdivision (a), no further written order is necessary. The minute order adopting this tentative ruling will serve as the order of the court and service by the clerk will constitute notice of the order.

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