

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA**

For the Agenda of:
September 14, 2006

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Countywide Services Agency

Subject: Report Back - Court Calendaring Changes That Are Creating Cost Impacts To County Departments (Adult And Juvenile Courts)

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BACKGROUND

On September 6, 2006 your Board requested a report back on the Court calendar changes that are creating cost impacts to the county departments. The two departments primarily impacted within the Countywide Services Agency are Public Defender and Probation.

DISCUSSION

Adult Courts:

Arrestment of in-custody misdemeanor defendants in one department (Department 60) in the Main Jail Courthouse was shifted to four departments, three at the Mail Jail Courthouse and one at the Main Courthouse. The Public Defender must now provide attorneys and legal research assistants to appear in the afternoon at the Main Jail Courthouse in Departments 60, 61, and 62 and at the Main Courthouse in Department 3.

Juvenile Courts:

The Court has dedicated two courtrooms to accommodate changes to Detention and Arrestment Hearings. Detention Hearings for in-custody juveniles were previously assigned in one courtroom and heard in a single courtroom during afternoon sessions. These hearings are now distributed to two calendars in two different courtrooms. Arrestment Hearings for out-of-custody juveniles were previously arrested on allegation at the first pre-trial hearing. These hearings are now calendared for separate Arrestment Hearings prior to beginning the pre-trial process every Monday. The three remaining courtrooms conduct pre-trial, trial, and disposition hearings. Probation and Public Defender must provide all the calendars with the appropriate staff.

Respectfully submitted,

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