

MEDIA ADVISORY: Aug. 19, 2009

Request to record or take photos in Judicial Courts Facility

Effective immediately, anyone wishing to record audio or video or take photographs within the Greene County Judicial Courts Facility will be asked to fill out a request form before passing through court security.

Missouri Court Operating Rule 16 prohibits audio and video recordings and photography of court proceedings without the permission of the judge. The request form formalizes this procedure.

Each judge or court commissioner may approve and sign requests to record audio or video or take photos in his or her own courtroom or office. The Presiding Judge must approve recording or photography elsewhere in the building, with the exception of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, the Sheriff's Office and the Circuit Clerk's Office. Recording within these offices does not require a judge's approval, but a request form must be submitted to court security.

To avoid delays, those wishing to record audio or video or take photos within the building are advised to make arrangements with the appropriate judge before arriving.

The form is available for download at www.greenecountymo.org/circuit_clerk/ as well as attached to this e-mail.

The Greene County Judicial Courts Facility is at 1010 Boonville Ave., Springfield.

For more information, contact Cpl. Gerald Dove, Greene County Court Security, at 417-829-6281, or Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Greene County Public Information Officer, at 417-829-6019 or 417-379-5713.

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