

TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DOLORES AND MONTEZUMA COUNTIES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2019-01

ORDER REGARDING POSSESSION OF MOBILE DEVICES IN THE COURTROOMS
OF THE TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT


Recognizing the pervasiveness of mobile devices in society, the undersigned Chief Judge of the 22nd Judicial District sets forth the following guidelines to allow possession of mobile devices in the courtroom:

1. The term "mobile device" includes mobile phones, tablets, laptops, and any other device capable of transmitting and/or receiving electronic communications. The term "mobile phone" includes cellphones, smartphones, and pagers.
2. Court personnel, law enforcement officers, attorneys, on-call advocates, medical personnel, litigants and reporters/press may have mobile devices in the courtroom. Mobile devices must be on silent, mute, or vibrate mode while in the courtroom. While in the courtroom, mobile devices may be used by the above described persons for purposes related to official court business only.
3. All other persons, including but not limited to, witnesses, jurors and spectators, may have mobile phones in the courtroom but may not have any other mobile device without express permission of the Court.
4. Any person other than those persons described in paragraph 2 above, must turn off their mobile phones before entering the courtroom. These individuals must keep their mobile phones turned off while in the courtroom unless given express permission by the Court to do otherwise.
5. Security Officers may ensure that mobile devices are in an appropriate mode.

Failure of any person to follow the above guidelines may result in reprimand, confiscation of the mobile device, a fine, and/or jail.

This Order is effective immediately and supersedes Administrative Order 2015-04.

DONE on January 22, 2019.



Douglas S. Walker
Chief Judge, Twenty-Second Judicial District