

Superior Court of California  
County of Imperial

Amendment to Local Rules – Effective March 26, 2020

**Rule 4.1.23 Acceptance of Penal Code  
§ 977 Waivers Executed Out of Court**

The Court will accept Penal Code § 977 waivers executed out of court for a defendant with a pending criminal matter for an appearance during any time period during which the Court is exercising emergency powers under Government Code § 68115 in response to the COVID-19 crisis. The court will accept these waivers executed out of court when presented with an in-court statement from counsel authenticating the defendant's signature and that their client fully understands the effect of the waiver.

(Adopted and Effective on March 26, 2020, pursuant to the Statewide Order by Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye dated March 23, 2020.)