

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MENDOCINO**



*Press Release
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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF LIMITED SERVICE DAYS IN
NOVEMBER 2013 AND DECEMBER 2013
PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 68106**

The Superior Court will be open only on a very limited basis for the three days preceding Thanksgiving: November 25, 26 and 27, and for the two days preceding Christmas: December 23 and 24. These periods of limited operation were implemented as employee furlough days in order to reduce court costs to satisfy budget cuts imposed by the Governor's Office and the Legislature.

"The court has done everything possible to reduce operational costs over the last few years without substantially reducing court services," according to Presiding Judge Richard Henderson. "However, the court simply cannot continue to offer the same level of court services with our reduced budget. Our budget was decreased by almost 27% over the last three years. The court has reduced staff from 78 to 55 positions through attrition and layoffs. Our remaining court staff has worked hard without cost of living increases or raises to continue to provide essential court services." Judge Henderson praised the court staff for agreeing to the furlough days to help the court meet its budget.

On the five limited operation days, all courtrooms in the Ukiah courthouse will be closed except for Department B which will remain open to conduct last day criminal matters, in-custody criminal arraignments, time-sensitive juvenile matters, unlawful detainers, temporary restraining order issues and any other emergency matters. The Ukiah Clerk's Office will remain open from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. No other court offices will be open. The Fort Bragg courthouse will be closed all five days and no court services will be available there.

The five closure days are not court holidays, so statutory deadlines will not be extended. Document drop boxes will be available at 100 N. State Street, Ukiah and 700 South Franklin Street, Fort Bragg to permit the same-day filing of documents deposited there before 4:00 p.m.

Public comments regarding the above action are welcome and may be submitted by e-mail to: LimitedServiceDays@mendocino.courts.ca.gov or by regular mail to the attention of: Caryn A. Downing, Court Executive Officer at 100 N. State Street; Ukiah, CA 95482 no later than 5:00 p.m., October 8, 2013. This notice is given in compliance with Government Code Section 68106.

For additional information regarding this press release,
please contact Court Administration at: (707) 467-6437.