



Judge Scott M. Gordon

Fresno County Superior Court



Fresno County





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Founded: 1856

Population: 975,000

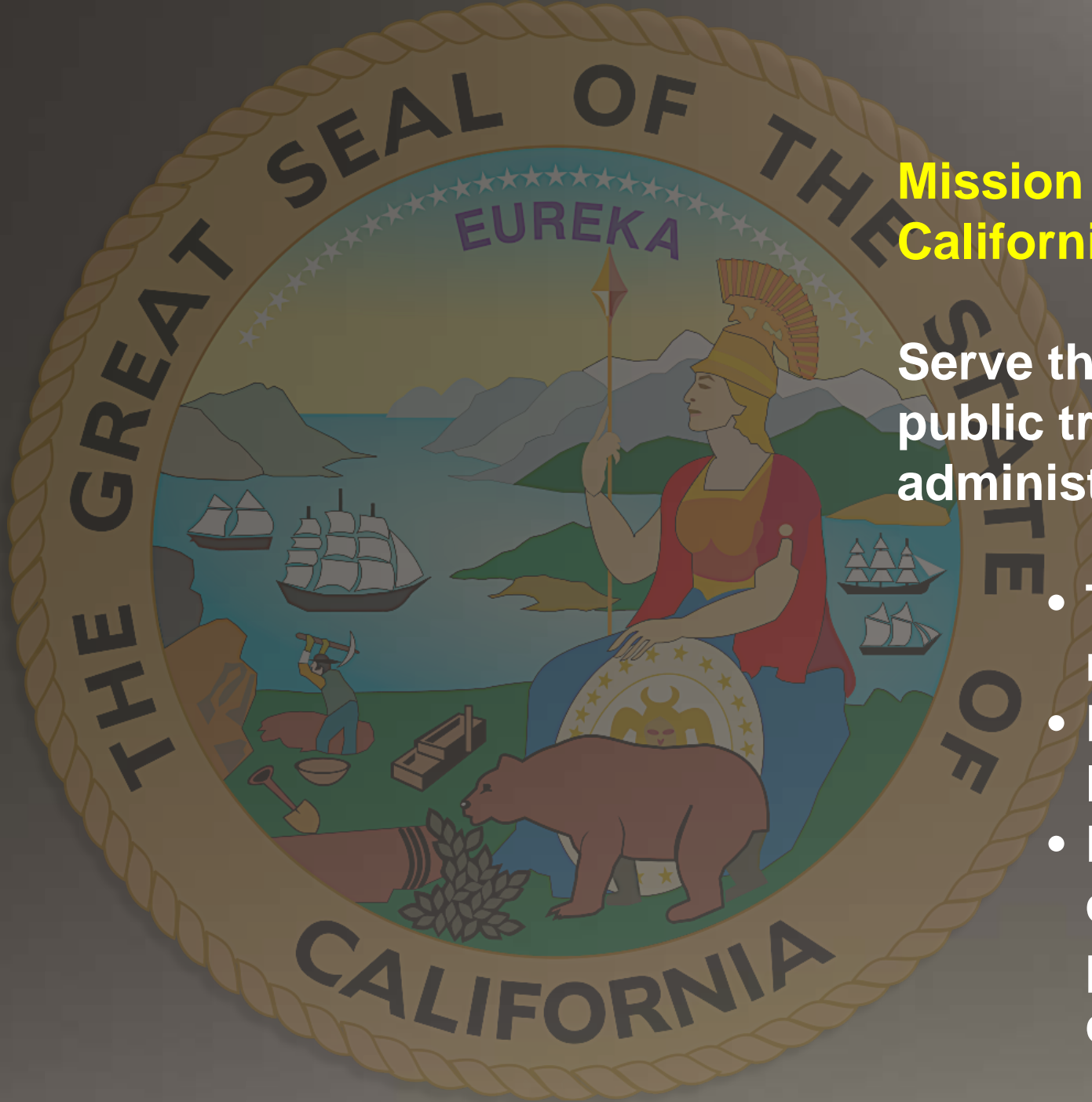
Area: 6,011 mi²



Fresno County

**Fresno County is the
leading agricultural
county in the
United States**





Mission of the Superior Court of California, County of Fresno:

Serve the community and enhance public trust and confidence in the administration of justice through:

- The impartial and timely resolution of disputes,
- Ensuring compliance with the law and court orders, and
- Fostering a vital court-community relationship that promotes equal access to the courts.

Fresno County Superior Court

575 Judges, Commissioners and Staff

43 Judges

6 Commissioners

526 Staff Members





M Street Courthouse



Juvenile Delinquency Court



B.F. Sisk Courthouse



Fresno County Criminal Court



Fresno County Superior Court

Video Interpreting & Remote Video Proceedings

- The Fresno County Superior Court has taken a leading role in the use of video interpreting services and remote video proceedings.
- Weekly remote video proceedings allow rural residents to access traffic court services without travel to Fresno.



E Citation Program

Fresno County Superior Court in partnership with the California Highway Patrol and the Fresno Police Department started an E Citation program that allows police officers to file tickets with the court electronically.

The court has also started using an “electronic dashboard” to allow Probation to upload reports, risk assessments scores and now generate texts to drug court participants.



Other Electronic Filings:

- Technology advances allows for the filing of PCD's and Search Warrants.


- Unlimited Civil filings went paperless in 2016.

- Probate and Family Law just went paperless July 1, 2017.

- Juvenile and Criminal are working toward paperless case management systems.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
County of _____

**SEARCH WARRANT
AFFIDAVIT**



Affiant's name and agency: _____
Place(s) to be searched: *[Insert description from search warrant].*
Evidence to be seized: *[Insert description from search warrant].*
Evidence type: The described evidence appears to fall within the following classification (Pen. Code § 1524): *[Check one or more]*

- Stolen or embezzled property.
- Property or things used as a means of committing a felony.
- Property or things in the possession of a person with intent to use as a means of committing a crime, or in the possession of another to whom he may have delivered it for the purpose of concealment or preventing discovery.
- Property or things that are evidence that tends to show that a felony has been committed, or tends to show that a particular person committed a felony.
- Property or things constituting evidence of sexual exploitation of a Child (Pen. Code §311.3), or possession of matter depicting sexual conduct of a person under the age of 18 years (Pen. Code § 311.11).
- Deadly weapon: A deadly weapon in the following location:
 - 5150: Premises that are occupied or controlled by a person who is in custody on a 5250 W&I hold
 - Domestic violence: Premises that are occupied by, or under the control of, a person who was arrested for domestic violence involving threatened harm.
 - No firearms order: Premises that are owned or controlled by a person who is prohibited from possessing firearms pursuant to Family Code § 6389.

Statement of Probable Cause: *Insert one of the following: (1) A statement of the facts upon which probable cause is based, or (2) a separate Statement of Probable Cause signed under penalty of perjury; and add the following: "The Statement of Probable Cause is attached hereto and incorporated by reference."*

Special requests *[Delete inapplicable requests]*

Night Service: I hereby request authorization to execute this warrant at any hour of the day or night. The factual basis for this request is as follows: *[Insert facts]*

No-Knock Entry: I hereby request authorization to execute this warrant without complying with the knock-notice requirements set forth in Pen. Code § 1531 on grounds that compliance would be: *[Check one or more]*
dangerous Futile Result in destruction of evidence Impede this criminal investigation. The factual basis for this request is as follows: *[Insert facts]*

Sealing Order: I hereby request that the following be sealed pending further order of the court: *[Check one of the following]* The entire affidavit. The statement of probable cause. The documents described in Exhibit *[insert number or letter]* filed herewith). A sealing order is necessary for the following reason(s): *[Delete if inapplicable]*

Protect informant: For reasons set forth in the Statement of Probable Cause, this order is necessary to protect the identity of the person designated as *[X or other designation]* who is a confidential informant as defined in Evidence Code § 1041. The sealed information would disclose or tend to disclose the informant's identity. Disclosure would endanger the informant's life and end his or her ability to assist law enforcement.

Official information: For reasons set forth in the Statement of Probable Cause, this order is necessary to prevent the disclosure of "official information" as defined in Evidence Code § 1040, to wit: *[Check one or both]:* The information was obtained in the course of an ongoing criminal investigation and its disclosure would alert the perpetrator(s) to the progress and focus of the investigation. The information would reveal or tend to reveal the identity of *[delete inapplicable]* an undercover officer, a citizen informant, a confidential surveillance site, or the secret location of a VIN number.

Nondisclosure Order *[Delete if inapplicable]*

Financial institution: This warrant authorizes a search for customer records in the possession of a financial institution. In accordance with Government Code § 7475, I hereby request an order prohibiting the officers, employees, and agents of the institution from disclosing the existence of this warrant to any person on grounds



The Fresno Bee



JUNE 8, 2016

“Fresno court seeks to rehabilitate, not incarcerate, veterans”

Established in 2016, the Fresno County Superior Court's- Veterans Treatment Court provides supervision, therapy and supportive services to justice involved veterans.

Innovative Court Programs

- **Drug Court:**

- In 2014 after the passage of Proposition 47, Fresno County revamped Drug Court. The court adopted an innovative partnership model leveraging services and navigating defendants to recovery and supportive services.

- **Family Dependency Treatment Court:**

- This collaborative effort assists families struggling with child neglect and drug dependency.

- **Human Trafficking Court:**

- In March 2017, Fresno County Superior Court was awarded a grant to implement a new calendar to assist juvenile victims of human trafficking.

