

# **Rules and Authorized Equipment for News Media Covering Proceedings from the BRC Courtroom Galleries**

(Media Representatives must show business cards or other identification to confirm that they are media representatives)

## **MEDIA PERMITTED ITEMS**

- Cellular phones are permitted. No calls can be made or received but texting and email uses are permitted. (Must be on vibrate or silent, no use may be made of photo, video, or audio recording phone capabilities).
- Reporters are permitted to have writing utensils and pads of paper.
- Reporters are permitted to have laptops, netbooks, or tablet devices such as iPads, etc and air cards.
- One pool photographer can be permitted in each courtroom for still photography only. The news media representatives present will select this pool photographer. The photographer MUST NOT use the video capabilities of their cameras. The pool photographer in each courtroom may carry two cameras. If more than one pool photographer, they will not be permitted to move between courtroom galleries. One pool photographer per courtroom gallery. (Weekend Pool Still Photographer gains access to the galleries via the booking sergeant at 407-254-7601)

## **MEDIA PROHIBITED ITEMS**

- Video Cameras and Audio Recording Equipment are prohibited. TV and Radio Media should use the provided courtroom feeds located in the media pedestal on the edge of the parking lot. (If the court A/V system fails, a TV pool camera may be permitted if approved by the OCCD PIO unless the sitting judge objects.)

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**All media personnel will undergo the same screening as the public with exception of the items permitted above.**

**NO MEDIA EQUIPMENT MAY BE OPERATED IN THE BRC PUBLIC LOBBY OR ELEVATORS.**

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**Any issues concerning the media should be directed to the Orange County Corrections PIO at 407-448-8316 (Mobile Duty Phone)**

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***TECHNICAL PROBLEMS WITH THE COURT A/V FEEDS SHOULD BE REPORTED BY THE MEDIA TO THE COURT A/V DUTY ENGINEER AT (407) 836-0522. If no answer, leave a voice mail – This is a voicemail pager and the response will be swift.***

## **Media Access to Court Proceedings at the Orange County Corrections Department Booking and Release Center Courtrooms**

There are three courtrooms with public galleries at the Orange County Corrections Department Booking and Release Center located at 3855 John Young Parkway, Orlando, FL 32839. The media has enhanced access to these galleries on weekdays. On weekends, the galleries are closed to the public and the media with the exception of a pool photographer shooting stills.

### ***Video and Audio Feeds at Media Pedestal in front of BRC***

A media pedestal is located on the center edge of the BRC parking lot directly in front of the two designated media parking spaces. To gain access to the pedestal, contact personnel in the Corrections lobby. The pedestal will provide access to video from a fixed camera in each of the three BRC courtrooms and line level audio from the courtroom microphones. As a result of this capability, **video cameras will not be allowed in the public galleries of the BRC courtrooms.** Parking is on a first-come, first served basis. Overflow media may park in any available public parking spaces nearby. Additionally, media units can park on the grassy area just west of the media pedestal if no hard surface parking spaces are available. **If parking on the grass, media units do so at their own risk.**

Orange County Corrections has no access or way to modify the video feed or fix any problems with it. All questions or reports of problems with the feed should be directed to (407) 836-0522 (On Call engineer) – If no live answer, an engineer will be paged immediately if you leave a voicemail. Contacting the Corrections PIO will only delay resolving the issue.

### ***Media Access to the Public Galleries of BRC Courtrooms***

All media representatives with proper credentials and identifications will access to the BRC courtroom's public galleries. Due to the available Court Administration electronic video and audio feeds, no media equipment will be allowed inside the courtroom other than a pool still photographer. The still photographer may carry into the gallery two still cameras and a single tripod or monopod. Even if the still camera is capable of video, no video operation of the camera will be permitted. **Work product of the pool must be shared with any other media requesting regardless of whether broadcast, internet, radio, or print publication.** *(ON WEEKENDS: The still pool photographer should contact the booking supervisor to gain access. ONLY THE POOL STILL PHOTOGRAPHER WILL BE PERMITTED ACCESS TO THE GALLERIES ON THE WEEKEND)* The pooling arrangements and designation shall be the sole responsibility of the media present for the proceeding. In event of the failure of the Court Administration Video/Audio Feed, One Video Pool Camera will be permitted with permission from the jail PIO unless the judge prohibits it.

Media representatives who present work credentials or business cards to the security screeners will be allowed to bring into the public galleries standard reporting tools to include:

- **Mobile telephones:** Phone must be on vibrate or silent mode, calls cannot be made or received, voicemail may not be accessed. Texting or email activities on the phone are permitted in public gallery.
- **Pad of Paper and writing instruments**
- **Laptops, notebook computers, or tablet devices including iPads, etc.** No use of a webcam, outbound streaming video, or audio permitted. Note: there is no public WIFI available at the jail but air cards or built in wireless Internet connections may be used.

### ***Court Administration Internet Video Stream***

The 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Administration Audio Video Unit provides a live streaming feed from BRC Courtroom **One**. It may be accessed via the Ninth Circuit web site:

[http://www.ninthcircuit.org/news/live\\_broadcast.shtml](http://www.ninthcircuit.org/news/live_broadcast.shtml)

NOTE: Orange County Corrections has no access to the control the internet feed or fix any problems with it. All questions or reports of problems with the feed should be directed **to (407) 836-0522 (On Call engineer)** – If no live answer, an engineer will be paged immediately if you leave a voicemail. Contacting the Corrections PIO will only delay resolving the issue.