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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 25-08

NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CIRCUIT COURT OF LAKE COUNTY

WHEREAS 50 ILCS 706/10-1 created the Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act; and

WHEREAS 50 ILCS 706/10-20(a)(3) includes a provision that the body camera is to be on at all times when the officer is in uniform and engaged in any law enforcement-related encounter or activity; and

WHEREAS the Appendix to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 44 provides, in part:

All recordings from security cameras monitoring court facilities are the property of the local circuit courts and are deemed to be in the possession of the local circuit courts notwithstanding actual possession by another party.

WHEREAS video or images captured on a body camera in a Nineteenth Judicial Circuit court facility, courtroom or its environs are court security video.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Administrative Order 21-09 is vacated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if an emergency situation arises that necessitates the Court Security Officer to activate his or her body camera, the Court Security Officer may do so immediately.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Court Security Officers may activate their body camera once they are ordered to remand a defendant to the jail.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Court Security Officers in a Nineteenth Judicial Circuit courtroom or its environs, which includes, but is not limited to the private and public hallways, rooms immediately adjacent to said hallways, witness or jury assembly/deliberation rooms, conference rooms, law library, Kids Korner, Court Administration, public restrooms, corridors and lobbies, security magnetometers, or otherwise in a court facility, shall have the body camera in a standby or non-recording position until the Court Security Officer has left the courtroom and its environs unless the foregoing paragraphs apply.

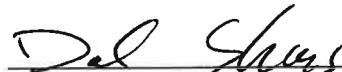
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if a body camera is used in a courtroom, the judge presiding in the courtroom at the time the body camera was activated, shall be advised of the activation by a member of Court Security prior to court resuming.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any requests for disclosure of a video or image captured on body worn or security cameras monitoring the facilities of the 19th Judicial Circuit must be (1) in writing and (2) presented to the Chief Judge. The Chief Judge, or in the Chief Judge's absence, the Deputy Chief Judge, shall determine whether the video or image shall be allowed to be disclosed and if there are to be any limitations to the disclosure. Any denial, approval or limitation shall be made in writing.

Nothing shall prevent video recorded consistent with this Administrative Order from being used by a Court Security Officer for investigation of alleged violations of the Illinois Compiled Statutes in emergency situations.

DATED this 25th day of August, 2025.

ENTERED:



DANIEL B. SHANES,
Chief Judge