

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MERCED**

2260 N Street, Merced
627 W. 21st Street, Merced
1159 G Street, Los Banos

Monday, November 17, 2025

Tentative rulings are provided for the following courtrooms and assigned Judicial Officers with scheduled civil matters:

Courtroom 8 – Hon. Stephanie L. Jamieson

Courtroom 9 – Commissioner David Foster

Courtroom 12 – Hon. Jennifer O. Trimble

Courtroom 13 – Hon. Ashley Albertoni Sausser

Parties who wish to appear remotely must contact the clerk of the court at (209) 725-4111 to seek permission and arrange for a remote appearance.

IMPORTANT: Court reporters will NOT be provided; parties must make their own arrangements. Electronic recording is available in certain courtrooms and may only be activated upon request.

The tentative rulings for specific calendars follow:

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MERCED

Civil Law and Motion Tentative Rulings
Hon. Stephanie L. Jamieson
Courtroom 8

627 W. 21st Street, Merced

Monday, November 17, 2025
8:15 a.m.

The following tentative rulings shall become the ruling of the court unless a party gives notice of intention to appear as follows:

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2. You must give notice to all other parties before 4:00 p.m. of your intent to appear.

Per California Rules of Court, rule 3.1308(a)(1), failure to do both items 1 and 2 will result in no oral argument. *Note:* Notifying CourtCall (the court's telephonic appearance provider) of your intent to appear does not satisfy the requirement of notifying the court.

Case No.	Title / Description
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19CV-02017	Jesus Munoz, Junior et al. vs. Merced County Office of Education, et al. Order to Show Cause re: Dismissal – Notice of Settlement
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Appearance required.

Order to Show Cause re: Sanctions – Failure to Appear on November 4, 2025

Appearance required.

25CV-04089	Norman Afamasaga vs GM Financial
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Demurrer to Plaintiff's Complaint

Defendant's demurrer to Plaintiff's complaint is SUSTAINED WITH LEAVE TO AMEND on the basis of failure to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action.

The complaint does not meet the statutory requirements of Code of Civil Procedure section 761.020 subds. (a), (d).

Further, the complaint alleges that on or about January 13, 2023, Plaintiff redeemed and reinstated the vehicle by making a payment of \$3,721.27 (Complaint ¶ 7). The complaint also alleges that Defendant has not resumed collection activity (Complaint ¶ 10). However, Exhibit B, attached to Plaintiff's complaint shows that Plaintiff made at least four (4) additional payments after January 13, 2023.

The additional payments after January 13, 2023, directly contradict the allegation that the payment of \$3,721.27 redeemed and reinstated the vehicle. In addition, Exhibit B shows an outstanding principal balance of \$25,675.09. This fact also directly contradicts the allegation that Defendant has no current legal interest in the subject vehicle.

“[W]here facts appearing in attached exhibits or judicially noticed documents contradict, or are inconsistent with, the complaint's allegations, we must rely on the facts in the exhibits and judicially noticed documents.” (*Jimenez vs. Mrs. Gooch's Natural Foods Markets, Inc.* (2023) 95 Cal.App.5th 645, 653.)

Plaintiff is to file an amended complaint within ten (10) days of this court's order.

25CV-05859 Rosaura Melendres vs Brian Kelly

Order to Show Cause Re: Restraining Order

Appearance required. There is no proof of service on Respondent on file.

25CV-05862 Rosaura Melendres vs Krystal Kelly

Order to Show Cause Re: Restraining Order

Appearance required. Respondent has appeared by way of a filed response in this case.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MERCED

Short Cause Court Trials
Hon. Stephanie L. Jamieson
Courtroom 8

627 W. 21st Street, Merced

Monday, November 17, 2025
1:30 pm

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25CV-04281-APP	John McGill vs. Juan Manuel Venegas Solorio
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Trial De Novo

Appearance required.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MERCED

Limited Civil
Commissioner David Foster
Courtroom 9

627 W. 21st Street, Merced

Monday, November 17, 2025
1:30 p.m.

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25CV-00706	Luis Loaiza Moreno vs. Alan Arriaga
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Order of Examination – Alan Arriaga

Appearance required.

25CV-04988	[Parties' names withheld pursuant to CCP § 1161.2(a)(1)]
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Court Trial: Unlawful Detainer

Appearance required.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MERCED

Unlimited Civil
Hon. Mason Brawley
Courtroom 10

627 W. 21st Street, Merced

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1:30 p.m.

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Case No.	Title / Description
25CV-03239	Tyson Jones vs Merced River Development, INC., et al.
	Motion to Disqualify Berliner Cohen, LLP from Representing the Defendants in the Present Action
Appearance required.	