



**Carroll and Howard Counties – District 10  
Protocol for Body-Worn Camera Use by Law Enforcement in Court  
Facilities and Courtrooms**

**Administrative Order**

**WHEREAS**, Maryland rule 16-208 (b)(2)(B) prohibits a person from taking or recording a photograph, video, or other visual image in a court facility except when permitted by the Local Administrative Judge, and

**WHEREAS**, Md rule 16-208 (b)(2)(E) prohibits the use of electronic devices to receive, transmit, or record sounds, visual images, data, or other information, and

**WHEREAS**, MD Code, Public Safety, § 3-511 provides that the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission shall develop a policy for the use of a body-worn camera by a law enforcement officer that addresses when recording is prohibited, and

**WHEREAS**, The Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission (MPTSC) has established a body-worn camera policy that prohibits a law enforcement officer from activating a camera to record in court facilities and courtrooms, except with the express permission of the Local Administrative Judge, and

**WHEREAS**, the same policy requires activation of body-worn cameras by law enforcement officers in service that is investigative or enforcement in nature, or during any confrontational encounter between a law enforcement officer and a member of the public,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023, by the District Court of Maryland

**ORDERED**, that law enforcement officers may only activate body-worn cameras in District Court facilities and courtrooms when in service that is investigative or enforcement in nature, or during any confrontational encounter between a law enforcement officer and a member of the public.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Hon. Pamila J. Brown, Administrative Judge

--Effective September 14, 2023 Until Further Notice