

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND FOR HARFORD COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

(Protocol for Body-Worn Camera Use by Law Enforcement in Court Facilities and Courtrooms)

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

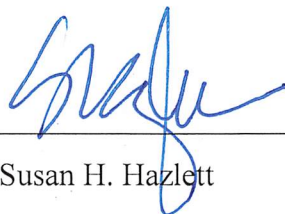
WHEREAS, the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission (MPTSC) has established a body-worn camera policy that prohibits a law enforcement officer from activating a camera to record in court facilities and courtrooms, except with the express permission of the Local Administrative Judge, and

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 24th day of April 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.



Susan H. Hazlett

Administrative Judge

Harford County District Court