

Fill out forms CR-180 – Petition for Dismissal and CR-181 – Order for Dismissal. Take care to complete the forms as accurately as possible. If you are having trouble completing your CR-180 and CR-181, please contact the Law Library using the contact info on the front page.

Selecting your hearing date on your CR-180 requires you to follow several rules. The most important is that you give adequate notice to all parties of your hearing date. A Petition for Dismissal hearing must be requested at least 15 calendar days from the date you file your paperwork.

You may select a date more than 15 days from the date you file, but no fewer. So, for example, if you filed your paperwork on the 1st of the month, the hearing date you select must be set for the 16th, or later.

Misdemeanor hearings are only heard Tuesday through Thursday, so you may not schedule your hearing for a Monday or Friday. Misdemeanor hearings are always held in Division L/M, and always at 8:30 AM. Fill in your hearing information accordingly. You may contact the Misdemeanor division at (661) 868-5393 to make sure your hearing date is available.

Once your paperwork has been filled out completely, you must have someone over the age of 18 serve copies on the Probation department and District Attorney.

The Probation department is accepting service by fax at (661) 868-4575, and by mail addressed to 1415 Truxtun Ave., 5th Floor Bakersfield, CA 93301. They will not accept personal service.

The District Attorney is accepting service by fax at (661) 868-2700, by email at bakersfieldmotions@kernDA.org, by mail at 1215 Truxtun Ave., 3rd Floor Bakersfield, CA 93301, or in person if you call them to notify them of your arrival in advance (661) 868-2340.

Your server must complete a Proof of Service form for both the District Attorney and Probation Department. You can search for the appropriate Proof of Service form using <https://www.courts.ca.gov/formsrules.htm> .

You must file your CR-180 and CR-181 along with your proofs of service with the Misdemeanor Department. You may file your pleadings with the Misdemeanor department by mail, or you may file them in the drop box at 1215 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301. The Misdemeanor department also accepts motions by fax at (661) 868-2695 or by email at wmcriminal@kern.courts.ca.gov.

Finally, you will need to attend your hearing. It is important you arrive well in advance of your hearing to find parking and go through security.