

Below are the days criminal motions are heard in the courts of Kern County. We will do our best to keep this list up to date, but feel free to [contact the court](#) to confirm what days are available.

BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN DIVISION
(FELONY)

Days to Select From: Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday
Time: 8:30 AM
Division: CC

BAKERSFIELD METRO JUSTICE DIVISION
(MISDEMEANORS)

Days to Select From: Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday
Time: 8:30 AM
Division: L/M

MOJAVE SUPERIOR COURT

Days to Select From: Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Time: 10:00 AM
Division: A

LAMONT SUPERIOR COURT

Days to Select From: Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Time: 8:30 AM

Division: A

SHAFTER SUPERIOR COURT

Days to Select From: Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday

Time: 9:00 AM

Division: F

RIDGECREST SUPERIOR COURT

Days to Select From: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

Time: 10:30 AM

Division: A

DELANO SUPERIOR COURT (NOTE: must give 28
days' notice for Delano Branch)

Days to Select From: Mondays, Tuesdays,
Wednesdays, Thursdays

Time: 9:30 AM

Division: A (EXCEPT ON THURSDAYS – Thursday
hearings are in Division B)

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to “book” my hearing date with a member of court staff?

You do not have to confirm your hearing date with a member of court staff – however, you can always call the clerical staff of the court to confirm which days the court hears motions, so that you know the days available to choose from.

If you provide at least 15 calendar days’ notice of your hearing to the District Attorney and Probation Department (28 for Delano), you do not need to reserve your spot. Filing your properly noticed Petition for Dismissal (CR-180) and Order for Dismissal (CR-181) is how you reserve your hearing date.

Is it true that I can just get my paperwork stamped instead of filling out a Proof of Service?

Counter service is available once again. To complete Counter service, create photocopies of your original CR-180 and CR-181. Take your originals with you when you hand-deliver the photocopies to the Probation Department and District Attorney. The person you give the photocopies to at each office will stamp your original paperwork – the stamps will prove to the court that you delivered copies to everyone that needed them. If your original paperwork is stamped by both the District Attorney and Probation Department, you will not need to complete additional Proof of Service forms.

What if I got someone to mail/email/fax my CR-180 & CR-181 to the DA and Probation Department?

If you have someone else over the age of 18 mail, email, or fax the forms to the District Attorney and/or the Probation Department, you should have them complete a Proof of Service for each. Check out the slideshow on this web page for an example of how to fill out a Proof of Service. **Remember:** Proofs of Service should be filed at the same time as your CR-180 & CR-181.

My Case has a BF number and started as a felony, but it was reduced to a misdemeanor. Do I do my Expungement/Petition to Seal Arrest in the Felony Court or Misdemeanor Court?

Kern County Local Rule 1.7.5 (e)(6) states “All predisposition and post disposition filings submitted in Bakersfield cases with a felony prefix (i.e. BF, DF, SF etc.), whereby the felony charges have been reduced to misdemeanor, are to be noticed and heard in the Metropolitan Division, **Misdemeanor Department**.
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