

2-08/020.15 Photographs

No photographs shall be taken in attorney interview areas without the permission of the Branch Supervisor. Investigators requesting to take photographs shall be referred to the Branch Supervisor. When a high risk inmate is the subject of the request for photographs, the Branch Supervisor shall assess the threat level and determine the safest manner to facilitate the photographs to be taken. It is highly recommended that the Branch Supervisor advise the court ordering the photographs, that due to the extreme security risk of this particular inmate, the photographs should be taken at the inmate's jail facility under the direction of the Sheriff's Department Jail Investigation Unit.

If the decision is made to take the photographs in the court holding area, the photographs will be taken by a Court Services Deputy and sufficient backup will be secured prior to the photographs being taken. Only a limited number of law enforcement personnel shall be allowed into the lockup area where the photographs will be taken. Unless ordered by the court, Deputy District Attorneys, Public Defenders, Alternate Public Defenders and private counsel shall be excluded from the lockup area while the photographs are taken.

Photographs shall be taken of inmates involved in force incidents by the Branch Supervisor. The use of video cameras by court personnel for security purposes is permitted.
