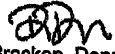


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DAVID H. YAMASAKI, Clerk of the Court


BY: R. Bracken, Deputy Clerk

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF ORANGE

SITTING AS THE JUVENILE COURT

MISCELLANEOUS ORDER M-2026-23

**TITLE: AUTHORIZATION AND ORDER PERMITTING THE ORANGE COUNTY
PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT AND DISTRIBUTE
RESTITUTION IN MATTERS HANDLED INFORMALLY THROUGH
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 654**

**TO: CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER; ORANGE COUNTY PROBATION
DEPARTMENT**

THE COURT FINDS that pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 654, in lieu of filing a petition to declare a minor a ward of the court pursuant to Sections 601 or 602 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the Orange County Probation Department has a robust program of informal handling of minors who qualify [hereinafter WIC 654 Diversion]. Attendant to WIC 654 Diversion, the minor may be required to pay restitution, as authorized by Section 654.6 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

THE COURT FINDS that once a petition is filed in Juvenile Court where the minor is required to pay restitution, the Orange County Probation Department collects and distributes restitution pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 730.6 and 654.6.

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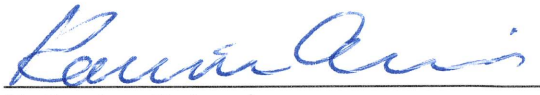
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1 **GOOD CAUSE EXISTS FOR THE FOLLOWING ORDER:** pursuant to Welfare and
2 Institutions Code Sections 654.6, the Orange County Probation Department is authorized to
3 collect and distribute restitution in WIC 654 Diversion cases.

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5 Notwithstanding Local Rule 900.1.3, this Order will not expire absent further order of
6 the Court.

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8 Dated this 24th day of September, 2026.

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12 Katherine E. Lewis
13 Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court
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