



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

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Presiding Judge

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Assistant Presiding Judge

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 15, 2025**

*******PRESS RELEASE*******

**Humboldt Superior Court Responds to
Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Press Release**

In response to the press release issued by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) dated April 15, 2025, regarding People v. Stobaugh, the Court cannot receive ex parte communication. This includes the email provided in the press release, by regular post, or any other method. Court proceedings must be conducted in courtrooms open to the public, and this case is no exception. Ex Parte communication is prohibited per the California Code of Judicial Ethics.