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CLERK US DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF ARIZONA  
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

In the matter of )  
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VIDEO TELECONFERENCING SITES )  
LOCATED IN THE PHOENIX AND )  
TUCSON COURTHOUSES AND THE )  
CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF )  
AMERICA FACILITY IN PINAL )  
COUNTY )  
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GENERAL ORDER 98-56

**IS HEREBY ORDERED** effective March 1, 1998, the District of Arizona will begin the utilization of video teleconferencing technology for a variety of purposes. Video teleconferencing sites are located in the United States Courthouses in Phoenix and Tucson, and at the Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) facility in Florence, Arizona.

Video teleconferencing will be available for use by:

- Judicial Officers
- U.S. District Court Clerk's Office
- U.S. Probation
- U.S. Pretrial Services
- U.S. Marshal
- U.S. Attorney's Office
- Federal Public Defender's Office
- Defense counsel of record

This technology is the result of a cooperative effort among several units of the U.S. District

1 Court and the U.S. Marshals Service. Scheduling of the video teleconferencing equipment will be  
2 administered through the office of the District Court Executive/Clerk of Court. It is expected that  
3 utilization of video teleconferencing will alleviate travel burdens on counsel and clients, minimize security  
4 risks, alleviate overcrowding of courthouse holding cells, and minimize other expenses associated with  
5 hearings and interviews of persons in custody at Arizona State Prison and the CCA.  
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7 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that for persons confined at Arizona State Prison video  
8 teleconferencing will be deemed the primary means utilized by the court for conducting prisoner civil  
9 rights hearings, except trials, unless otherwise ordered or directed by the assigned judicial officer. Such  
10 hearings contemplate the transportation of state prisoners housed at the Arizona State Prison at Florence  
11 to the Central Arizona Detention Center operated by the Corrections Corporation of America at  
12 Florence.  
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14 For persons confined at CCA, video teleconferencing will be the primary means utilized by  
15 probation officers for presentence interviews in the District of Arizona. General Order 237 will apply  
16 if circumstances preclude the use of video teleconferencing for presentence interviews.  
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18 **DATED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1998.

19 /s/ Robert C. Broomfield  
20 Robert C. Broomfield, Chief Judge  
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