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Arapahoe County Court in Aurora closes Friday, all future hearings to be held at Arapahoe County Justice Center in Centennial

Probation Department offices to remain open in Aurora

The Eighteenth Judicial District announced today that the Arapahoe County Courthouse in Aurora (15400 E. 14th Place) will close permanently at 5:00 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20, 2010. All future matters from the Aurora location will be heard at the Arapahoe County Justice Center in Centennial (7325 S. Potomac Street). The Department of Probation Services will continue to operate at the Aurora location.

"The consolidation of court services to the Arapahoe County Justice Center in Centennial will eliminate the confusion caused over the years as to which courthouse people are to appear in," said Eighteenth Judicial District Chief Judge William B. Sylvester. "This move will enable the court to better serve the public by providing judicial services in one central location."

Chief Judge Sylvester added that anyone with a court matter set on or after Aug. 23, 2010, should report to the Arapahoe County Justice Center in Centennial regardless of the court location indicated on a summons or other court paperwork.

Closing the Aurora location and moving court business to Centennial was made possible by the recent completion of a renovation project at the Arapahoe County Justice Center. Last fall the Arapahoe County District Attorney's Office moved from the Justice Center complex to another location in Centennial and allowed for new courtrooms to be built and the clerks' offices to be expanded.

Arapahoe County Court civil matters, as well as small claims cases, will continue to be heard at the Court's Littleton location (1790 West Littleton Blvd.).