



## ***MEDIA ADVISORY***

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**RE:** King County District Court

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### **KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT ANNOUNCES REDUCED OPERATIONS FROM DECEMBER 23 – JANUARY 3**

To facilitate the permanent closures of the Renton and Federal Way Divisions, King County District Court will operate at a reduced schedule for a two-week period starting on December 23rd.

At least two divisions of the Court will be open for full service during the two-week period to minimize the inconvenience to the public. A listing of the partial services per division is attached, and can also be found online at [www.metrokc.gov/kcdc/closures.htm](http://www.metrokc.gov/kcdc/closures.htm)

The Court announced the permanent closure of the Renton and Federal Way Divisions in October in response to a \$4.1 million budget cut for fiscal years 2002 and 2003, and a vote by the King County Council to consolidate King County's current judicial districts effective January 1, 2003.

As a part of these budget reductions, nearly 70 staff out of 290 positions were also lost through terminations and hiring freezes.

The Federal Way and Renton District Courts will both officially close their doors on December 20, 2002.

**CONTACTS:** Presiding Judge Wesley Saint Clair, King County District Court or Tricia Crozier, Interim Chief Administrative Officer at 206-205-2820.

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**KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT  
REDUCED OPERATIONS  
SCHEDULE**

**December 23, 2002 through January 3, 2002**

Location	12/23/2002	12/24/2002	12/25/2002	12/26/2002	12/27/2002
Kent	Closed	Closed	Holiday	Open AM Only	Closed
Bellevue	Open	Closed	"	Closed	Open
Federal Way	Closed	Closed	"	Closed	Closed
Issaquah	Closed	Open	"	Open	Open
Redmond	Open	Closed	"	Open	Closed
Renton	Closed	Closed	"	Closed	Closed
Seattle	Open	Open	"	In Custody Only	In Custody Only
Shoreline	Closed	Closed	"	Open	Closed
Burien	Closed	Open AM Only	"	Open AM Only	Closed
RJC-GB	In Custody Only	In Custody Only	"	In Custody Only	In Custody Only
	12/30/2002	12/31/2002	1/1/2003	1/2/2003	1/3/2003
Kent	Closed	Closed	Holiday	Open AM Only	Open AM Only
Bellevue	Open	Open	"	Open	Closed/ Mercer Island Open
Federal Way	Closed	Closed	"	Closed	Closed
Issaquah	Open	Open	"	Open	Open
Redmond	Open	Open	"	Open	Closed
Renton	Closed	Closed	"	Closed	Closed
Seattle	Open	In Custody Only	"	In Custody Only	In Custody Only
Shoreline	Closed	Closed	"	Open	Closed
Burien	Closed	Open AM Only	"	Open AM Only	Closed
RJC-GB	In Custody Only	In Custody Only	"	In Custody Only	In Custody Only