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PG&E ARRAIGNMENT, GUILTY PLEAS AND SENTENCING NEXT WEEK PROCEEDINGS TO BE LIVE STREAMED TO INTERNET

The Pacific Gas and Electric Company's criminal arraignment and its guilty pleas to 85 felony counts involving its criminally reckless starting of the 2018 Camp Fire and causing the deaths of 84 Butte County citizens is scheduled to go forward on Tuesday, **June 16, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.** in the North Butte County Superior Court, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, California.

The Superior Court has set aside several days for proceedings which will have dozens of the next-of-kin of the deceased victims presenting "victim impact statements" to the sentencing judge, the Honorable Michael R. Deems. The statements are allowed under California law for those who have lost loved ones due to a criminal act to honor the memory of those who died at the hands of a criminal defendant and to express to the judge the impact the loss has had on the lives of the survivors.

District Attorney Mike Ramsey stated because of the continuing COVID-19 restrictions, the Court will have very little to no public seating, but will be **broadcasting all of the proceedings live** over the internet on its YouTube channel which can be accessed at:
<https://www.buttecourt.ca.gov>.

Ramsey said because of the restrictions, priority would be given to the next-of-kin of the deceased victims to be in the court to give their impact statements. He however noted that other victims of the Camp Fire have a right to be heard by the court by submitting written impact statements for review by the judge. Ramsey invited persons who lost homes, property, businesses or who were gravely injured physically or mentally by PG&E's criminal act of unlawfully starting the Camp Fire to submit their statement to his Victim Assistance Bureau at victimwitness@buttecounty.net by Sunday, June 14, 2020 at noon.

For questions or concerns, email victimwitness@buttecounty.net or call (530)538-7340.

PRESS/MEDIA INFO:

- **The Court will convene on June 16 at 8:30 a.m. to take and rule on media requests.**
- **Because of the COVID-19 space restrictions, it is expected there will be only one pool print media representative (with still camera) and one television pool camera allowed in the courtroom for only the first day of June 16.**