

CHAPTER 631

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631.04 EXCLUDING MINORS FROM ATTENDANCE AT CRIMINAL TRIALS; DUTY OF OFFICER; PENALTY.

A minor under the age of 17 who is not a party to, witness in, or directly interested in a criminal prosecution or trial before a district court, may not be present at the trial. A police officer, constable, sheriff, or other officer in charge of a court and attending upon the trial of a criminal case in the court, shall exclude a minor under age of 17 from the room in which the trial is being held. This section does not apply when the minor is permitted to attend by order of the court before which the trial is being held. A police officer, constable, sheriff, or deputy sheriff who knowingly neglects or refuses to carry out the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

History: 2005 c 10 art 3 s 25

631.045 EXCLUDING SPECTATORS FROM THE COURTROOM.

At the trial of a complaint or indictment for a violation of sections 609.109, 609.341 to 609.3451, 609.3453, or 617.246, subdivision 2, when a minor under 18 years of age is the person upon, with, or against whom the crime is alleged to have been committed, the judge may exclude the public from the courtroom during the victim's testimony or during all or part of the remainder of the trial upon a showing that closure is necessary to protect a witness or ensure fairness in the trial. The judge shall give the prosecutor, defendant and members of the public the opportunity to object to the closure before a closure order. The judge shall specify the reasons for closure in an order closing all or part of the trial. Upon closure the judge shall only admit persons who have a direct interest in the case.

History: 2005 c 136 art 4 s 10

631.425 RELEASING OFFENDERS FOR EMPLOYMENT AT THEIR CUSTOMARY WORK.

[For text of subs 1 to 3, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 4. **Confinement when not employed.** Unless the court otherwise directs, the sheriff or local correctional agency may electronically monitor or confine in jail each inmate during the time the inmate is not employed, or, if the inmate is employed, between the times of employment. The sheriff may not electronically monitor an offender who is sentenced for an offense within the definition of domestic abuse under section 518B.01, subdivision 2, unless the court directs otherwise. The sheriff may assess the cost of electronic monitoring on the offender.

[For text of subs 5 to 12, see M.S.2004]

History: 2005 c 136 art 13 s 17