

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF VENTURA

Tentative Ruling

2025CUBC039282: JEREMY LOOKOFSKY, et al. vs GENERAL MOTORS, LLC
02/25/2026 in Department 44
Motion for Compliance and Sanctions

Effective **January 5, 2026**, Judge Charmaine H. Buehner and all cases previously assigned to Department J4 at the Juvenile Justice Center in Oxnard transferred to Department 44, located at the Hall of Justice, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California 93009.

Department Rules. Parties and counsel shall follow the Department 44 rules and Zoom protocols, available at <https://ventura.courts.ca.gov/department-44>.

Remote Appearances. The Court allows Zoom appearances as a courtesy to parties and counsel. The Court does not accommodate Court Call appearances.

BEFORE FEBRUARY 23, 2026: Provide notice of your intent to appear remotely via Zoom by 4 p.m. the court day before each hearing by email at courtroom44@ventura.courts.ca.gov, with a subject line that includes “NOTICE TO APPEAR VIA ZOOM.”

ON AND AFTER FEBRUARY 23, 2026: Register for each court appearance by 4:00 p.m. the day before your hearing: <https://ventura-courts-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/iqN7uhQSQMuOqs-9TQXgEQ>.

You will be denied remote entrance to the hearing if you do not timely notify/register to appear via Zoom by 4:00 p.m. the court day before your hearing. No advance notice is required to appear in person.

Tentative Rulings. Oral argument should address the tentative decision. To submit on the tentative decision, email courtroom44@ventura.courts.ca.gov before 8:00 a.m. on the hearing date, copying all other parties, Use the subject line “SUBMISSION ON TENTATIVE”, [Case Number], [Case Title] and [Party]. If not all parties submit, the hearing will proceed, and the tentative ruling may change.

The Court may adopt, modify or reject the tentative ruling after hearing. The tentative ruling has no legal effect unless and until adopted by the Court.

Motion: Defendant General Motors LLC’s Motion for Compliance and Sanctions (*opposed*)

Tentative Ruling:

Defendant General Motors LLC’s Motion for Compliance and Sanctions is DENIED.

Plaintiffs’ depositions occurred on December 3, 2025, mooted the motion as to compliance with Code of Civil Procedure section 871.26, subdivision (c). The Court denies the request for sanctions under subdivision (j)(2), finding that lack of proper communication between counsel

for both sides contributed to the depositions' non-occurrence before the statutory deadline and that Defendant has not been prejudiced by the delay, given the March 1, 2027, trial date.

Counsel for Plaintiffs is ordered to give notice of the Court's ruling.