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<u>UPDATE</u>

BURST PIPE FORCES CLOSURE OF

VAN NUYS EAST COURTHOUSE

A burst pipe has forced the closure of the Van Nuys East Courthouse, 6230 Sylmar Ave., Van Nuys, 91401. The problem was discovered over the weekend. It is estimated that the courthouse will remain closed for several days.

Parties with matters on calendar the week of Jan. 29, 2018, should report to the Van Nuys West Courthouse, 14400 Erwin Street, Van Nuys. The Van Nuys West Courthouse is located directly across the plaza from the Van Nuys East Courthouse.

Jurors scheduled to report to the Van Nuys East Courthouse the week of Jan. 29, 2018, should report to the Van Nuys West Courthouse where they will be given instructions.

The burst pipe is located on the fourth floor of the courthouse. Flooding has impacted floors one through four and the basement. The Court is assessing the damage to five courtrooms, the Jury Assembly Room, the offices of the District Attorney, the Sheriff's Office, the elevator bays and other office space. The elevator bays must be dried out and clear inspection prior to the reopening of the courthouse.

Today, court staff is relocating more than 100 workstations to the Van Nuys Courthouse West building and establishing temporary courtroom and office space for judicial officers, court and county staff.

Further details regarding the reopening of the Van Nuys East Courthouse will be provided when more information is available.