



STATE OF MICHIGAN
55TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
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Administrative Order 2009-05

SECURITY POLICY FOR COURT FACILITIES

This administrative order is issued in accordance with Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 2001-01. The purpose of this order is to address the presence of weapons in court facilities.

IT IS ORDERED: Administrative Order 2001-01 is hereby rescinded and revoked.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

1. No weapons are allowed in the courthouse, any courtroom, office or space used for official court business or by judicial employees. This prohibition does not apply to approved court personnel, sworn peace officers, officers of the Motor Carrier Division of the Department of State Police, officers of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, employees of the Michigan Department of Corrections who are authorized by that Department to carry weapons while on duty and when such employees are transporting prisoners. Law enforcement officers who attend court for non-duty related matters shall not be permitted to possess any type of weapon in the facility. Law enforcement officers appearing to testify for duty related matters and entitled to compensation for such appearance, are considered on duty.
2. All persons and their belongings and all parcels are subject to screening and search by the Ingham County Sheriff Department, 55th District Court court officers and other designated security personnel for the purpose of keeping weapons from entering the facility. Court officers appointed by the court for the sole purpose of executing civil process are not authorized to conduct screenings and searches
3. If at any time there is reasonable suspicion that a weapon may be on the premises, a person or object is subject to search. The search shall be no more intrusive than necessary to protect against the dangers presented.

4. Notice shall be posted that "No weapons of any kind (including firearms) are permitted in this facility. All persons and parcels are subject to search for weapons and restricted items as a condition of entry. Persons in violation of this order may be held in contempt of court."

Effective Date: June 11, 2009

Date: 6-1-09



Honorable Thomas P. Boyd
Chief Judge