IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO

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Judgment Entry Addressing Courthouse Security

This order replaces all prior orders of this Court on the subject of courthouse security, except any established Courthouse Security Plans, and it establishes the security procedures the Delaware County Courthouse at 110 North Sandusky Street in Delaware, Ohio.

- 1. The Delaware County Sheriff's Office or contracted security personnel will operate an x-ray machine and a walkthrough magnetometer at the public entrance on the 100 level of the Delaware County Courthouse for the purpose of screening persons entering the building. Throughout their time in the Courthouse, all persons who enter the building are, with probable cause, subject to search by the Sheriff's Office or contracted security personnel, and those searches may extend to any belongings carried by Courthouse employees or visitors.
- 2. All employees who enter through the 100 level public entrance (except the entrance from the parking garage) and all other persons entering the Courthouse (except those indicated in item numbers 4, 5, and 7 listed below) must pass through the walkthrough magnetometer for the purpose of detection of firearms, explosives, pepper spray, incendiary devices, knives, other dangerous weapons or ordnances, or any other item prohibited by law, regulation, or court order. Courthouse employees and all other persons must submit to further screening such as screening by a portable handheld metal detector or other screening procedures as necessary by the Sheriff's Office or contracted security personnel if the readings of the magnetometer indicate the presence of metallic objects. Any person who refuses to submit to any facet of the screening process will be barred from entering the Courthouse.
- 3. All employees who enter through the 100 level public entrance (except the entrance from the parking garage and excluding those indicated in item numbers 4 and 7 listed below) and all other persons entering the Courthouse who are carrying, delivering or otherwise transporting any briefcase, suitcase, purse, backpack, box, bag, package, electronic device including cellular phones, portable computers, or other devices or any other container must surrender that item for screening through an x-ray device or a personal inspection by the Sheriff's Office or contracted security personnel. Any person who refuses to submit the item to any facet of the screening process will be barred from bringing the item into the Courthouse. Any person delivering an item such as a package or food may wait in the area between the Courthouse's main entrance and the walkthrough magnetometer for the recipient of the delivery if the delivery person does

not wish to submit to security screening. Persons making deliveries will not proceed or be let through security or any employee entrances without complying with the security procedures in this Policy.

- 4. The following persons with appropriate official identification are exempt from the screening procedures set forth above:
 - a. Judges of the Delaware County Common Pleas Courts;
 - b. Other judges who are serving by designation or assignment in the Courthouse;
 - c. On-duty law-enforcement officers who are authorized by law and agency regulations to carry firearms, and who are in the Courthouse as part of their official duties;
 - d. On-duty courthouse security personnel who are authorized by law and regulations to carry firearms, and who are in the Courthouse as part of their official duties.
 - e. Probation officers who are authorized by law and regulations to carry firearms, and who are in the Courthouse as part of their official duties.
- 5. Persons with medical conditions that prevent them from passing through the walkthrough magnetometer or from being scanned by a portable handheld metal detector must be screened by the Sheriff's Office or contracted security personnel using other appropriate screening procedures as necessary.
- 6. No person with authorized access to the Courthouse who has passed through the screening process or who has entered the Courthouse with a key, key fob, or other entry device may permit any other person to enter the Courthouse or any secured portion of it without proper authorization from the Sheriff's Office or contracted security personnel.
- 7. Only Delaware County employees and contract employees authorized by their appropriate agency manager and possessing an authorized key fob or other entry device may enter the Courthouse through any locked entrance, unless proper authorization from the Sheriff's Office or contracted security personnel has been given.
- 8. Cameras and recording devices are permitted within the Courthouse, but they are subject to any restrictions and requirements imposed by a judicial officer in connection with a case pending before that judicial officer.

- 9. The use of cellular phones in courtrooms is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the judicial officer presiding in that particular courtroom. Cellular phones must be set so that no audible signal can be emitted from them in any of the courtrooms within the Courthouse.
- 10. The use of portable computers and related electronic equipment in courtrooms and facilities adjacent to courtrooms is subject to restrictions and requirements imposed by a judicial officer.
- 11. Photographing or recording of law-enforcement officers, security personnel, and any security devices or equipment within the Courthouse is prohibited.
- Aside from judges, courthouse security officers, courtroom bailiffs or other courtroom security personnel, probation officers, and on-duty law-enforcement officers who are authorized by law and agency regulations to carry firearms in the performance of their duties, no person may possess a firearm in the Courthouse. No other persons may possess explosives, pepper spray, incendiary devices, knives, firearms, or any other dangerous weapons or ordnances in the Courthouse, unless those items are to be presented as evidence in a courtroom hearing. Any such items that are to be presented as evidence may be brought into the Courthouse if and only if the Sheriff's Office has been notified in advance of the item being brought into the Courthouse and has approved the proposed movement of the items into the building.
- 13. Doors designated as fire-exit doors are not to be used unless an emergency exists.
- 14. Persons who violate any of the provisions listed above may be arrested, and any dangerous items will be confiscated by the Sheriff's Office or by contracted security personnel.
- 14. For purposes of this order, "law-enforcement officer" includes only the following:
 - a. A sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, police officer of a township or joint police district, marshal, deputy marshal, municipal police officer, member of a police force employed by a metropolitan housing authority under division (D) of section 3735.31 of the Revised Code, or state highway patrol trooper;
 - b. An officer, agent, or employee of the state or any of its agencies, instrumentalities, or political subdivisions, upon whom, by statute, a duty to conserve the peace or to enforce all or certain laws is imposed and the authority to arrest violators is conferred, within the limits of that statutory duty and authority;

c. A member of an auxiliary police force organized by county, township, or municipal law-enforcement authorities, within the scope of the member's appointment or commission; and

d. Probation officers.	
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