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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MOHAVE

IN THE MATTER OF: WEAPONS IN MOHAVE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT FACILITIES, MEDIATION CENTER, FACILITIES HOUSING JUSTICE COURTS AND PROBATION DEPARTMENT	)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2000-10

WHEREAS, this court recognizes that every reasonable effort should be made to provide a safe environment for all persons visiting, working in or having business in any referenced facilities in Mohave County; and

WHEREAS, weapons-free buildings are essential to provide such security;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the following requirements and attached policies and procedures be implemented:

1. No weapons or dangerous instruments shall be allowed on the premises of or brought into any of the above facilities except by a courthouse security officer; judge; or law enforcement officer in an emergency situation or when specifically allowed as outlined in the attached policy. If an unauthorized person is carrying a concealed weapon, an arrest pursuant to A.R.S. §13-3102 may be appropriate. The relevant portion of that statute provides that "a person commits misconduct involving weapons by knowingly carrying a deadly weapon (except a pocket knife) concealed on his person."

2. A person having reason to enter to remain in any of the above facilities armed with a weapon shall demonstrate such need to the presiding judge or designee. Where satisfied of such reason, the presiding judge or designee may grant a special exception for a limited period of time.

3. All persons including court and probation employees, law enforcement personnel, litigants, lawyers, and persons of the general public entering any referenced facility, and all packages, purses, briefcases, boxes, and other containers brought into any referenced facility, shall be examined for weapons. Dangerous instruments shall be removed and deposited with security personnel. If lawful, such instruments may be retrieved upon leaving the premises of such facility.

DATED this 18th day of April, 2000 in the Mohave County Courthouse in Kingman, Arizona.

Honorable Gary R. Pope, Presiding Judge
Mohave County Superior Court

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SUPERIOR COURT IN MOHAVE COUNTY

PROHIBITED WEAPONS IN THE COURTHOUSE POLICY

A. The goal of Court Security Department is to make the Mohave County Courthouse a safe environment for all. The Security Staff will be responsible for the screening of all persons entering the courthouse. The screening process may involve the use of the magnetometer, hand held detectors and the seizure of items classified as weapons or potential weapons. The following is a compilation of items that will be considered weapons. Weapons prohibited are not limited to those listed. The Court Security Staff may prohibit any item deemed a danger to courthouse safety.

B. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to the following:

alcohol
ammunition
ammunition component
(i.e., primers, caps, powder)
box cutters
batons
bullets
bullet clips, magazine
brass knuckles
clubs
cork screws
chains
audio arms
daggers
tear gas
metal club
plastic knuckles
flammable liquids
razors
thermo point pens

darts
knitting needles
letter opener
mace-chemical aerosols
martial arts devices/weapons
nail files (3" or longer)
ninja pins
safety pins(large hat pins)
scissors
spikes
spurs
bicycle chains
horseshoes
black jacks
railroad spikes
Co2 canisters
gun lighter
twine knife
motorcycle chain
butterfly knife

syringes
stun guns
guns
hammers
handcuffs
ice picks
throwing stars
tools
toy pistols
wire
screwdrivers
baseball bats
straight razors
lock picks
glass
swords
mirrors

2. Large construction tools including wrenches, screwdrivers, hammers, pliers and tools not used for county or court repair, and any object that has a sharp edge, pointed tip or serrated cutting edge, except a folding pocket knife less than 3" in length.

3. If the weapon in question is a pocket knife, three inches in length or larger, either closed or open, the knife will be confiscated and the owner allowed to enter the building. The knife will be returned upon the owner's departure from the building.