

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MOHAVE

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IN THE MATTER OF: )  
SECURITY SCREENING IN ALL MOHAVE )  
COUNTY COURT FACILITIES )

VIRLYNN TINNELL  
SUPERIOR COURT CLERK  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
2008-20  
(Resolnds A.O. 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 Court facility 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 court facilities except by a courthouse security officer, judge, probation or surveillance officers; 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. Note - Court facility includes all buildings under the administrative authority of the Presiding Judge, i.e. Justice Court, Probation, Mediation Center, etc.

2. Except as noted above, any person having reason to enter or remain in any court facilities armed with a weapon shall demonstrate such need to the Presiding Judge or designee. When satisfied of such reason, the Presiding Judge or designee may grant a special exception for a limited period of time.

3. All persons, excluding court staff with appropriate identification, entering any court facility, and all packages, purses, briefcases, boxes, and other containers brought into any court facility, shall be examined for weapons or dangerous instruments. All such items shall be removed and deposited with security personnel. If lawful, such instruments may be retrieved upon leaving the premises.

DATED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008.

R. A. Bartlett  
Honorable Randolph A. Bartlett, Presiding Judge  
Mohave County Superior Court

Original filed with the Clerk of Superior Court in Mohave County

## MOHAVE COUNTY COURTS

### WEAPONS IN THE MOHAVE COUNTY COURTS POLICY

- A. The security and safety of the Superior Court and Justice Courts in Mohave County and the personnel who conduct business therein is of paramount concern. Therefore, no weapons are allowed in the courthouse or any courtroom. The ONLY EXCEPTIONS to this policy are as listed:**
1. All Police, Detention, Probation and Court Security Officers, wearing their department issued duty weapons while in the performance of official duties, may bypass the security screening system. These officers may be required to provide a subpoena or official paperwork to confirm business in the court.
  2. Police Officers, Detention, Probation, Fire, Medical and Court Security personnel may bypass the security screening system when responding to an emergency situation at the courthouse.
  3. The Presiding Judge shall determine whether judges and court security staff will carry weapons into the courthouse as stated in Administrative Order # 2008-20.
- B. POLICE, DETENTION, PROBATION AND COURT SECURITY OFFICERS ON PERSONAL BUSINESS AT ALL COURTS IN MOHAVE COUNTY:**
1. Police, Detention and Probation officers appearing in or for personal litigation or other personal business in Mohave County Courts, shall not wear their officially sanctioned uniforms, shall not enter the courthouse with weapons, shall not use their law enforcement identification to bypass any security screening systems and will comply with all screening procedures required by court security.
- C. COUNTY ATTORNEY, PUBLIC DEFENDER, LEGAL DEFENDER AND MEMBERS OF THE PRIVATE BAR WITH WEAPONS:**
1. Attorneys are not permitted to enter the courthouse with weapons. Refer them to Administrative Order # 2008-20

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#### D. STORAGE OF WEAPONS

1. Persons requesting the use of a gun locker to store a weapon will be required to provide photo identification. A drivers license or state identification card are acceptable. The Court Security officer will escort the individual to the gun locker. The individual will remove the holster containing the weapon. The individual will place the holstered weapon and any magazines, speed loaders or loose rounds into the large manila envelope provided by court security. The individual will clip their photo identification to the outside of the manila envelope with a paper clip provided by court security and place the envelope in the gun locker which court security will have open. Court Security will close and lock the locker door. When the individual is finished with their business at the court, they will contact court security for the return of their weapon. Court Security will unlock the gun locker and check the photo identification to ensure that the weapon is returned to it's rightful owner. Court Security will return the photo identification to the individual and advise them that they may remove their holstered weapon from the manila envelope. Court Security will then advise the individual with the weapon to please leave the building and property as expeditiously as possible.