

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR INDIAN RIVER,  
MARTIN, OKEECHOBEE AND ST.  
LUCIE COUNTIES.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 89-4

IN RE: SECURITY OF THE COURTHOUSES OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT.

Threats and acts of violence directed at Courthouses,  
witnesses, jurors, litigants, lawyers, judges, and court  
personnel have given rise to an urgent need for security  
protections. Such security measures shall be accomplished by:

A: A search of persons entering the individual County  
Courthouses or annexes for firearms, weapons, and destructive  
devices, hereinafter referred to as Weapons, and by a restriction  
of Weapons within the Courthouses/Annexes,

B: Limiting and monitoring entrances and exits.

Whereas each Courthouse in the Circuit is of a unique  
architectural design, each County shall have individualized  
security plans as appearing in the following attached annexes:

Annex A: INDIAN RIVER COUNTY  
Annex B: MARTIN COUNTY  
Annex C: OKEECHOBEE COUNTY (To be published at a later date)  
Annex D: ST. LUCIE COUNTY

DONE AND ORDERED at Stuart, Martin County, Florida this 14<sup>th</sup>  
day of July, 19 89.

  
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DWIGHT L. GEIGER,  
CHIEF JUDGE

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ANNEX A : SECURITY MEASURES FOR THE  
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The intent of this Administrative Order is to restrict the carrying or possession of weapons within the Indian River County Courthouse (hereafter referred to as Courthouse) and to protect the people who work in and visit said Courthouse by authorizing and directing the Sheriff of Indian River County to conduct a limited search for weapons by the least intrusive method possible and the monitoring of entrances and exits through the following procedures.

A. SEARCHES OF PERSONS ENTERING THE COURTHOUSE

1. Any person who wishes to enter upon Courthouse premises shall enter through authorized entrances and shall pass through a magnetometer (METAL DETECTOR).

2. Any person who activates the device shall be allowed to empty his or her pockets and pass through the device a second time. If, after the second pass through, the device is again activated, the person will not be allowed to enter the Courthouse without giving express consent to a pat-down search.

3. Prior to passing through the magnetometer, any person carrying a package, briefcase, pocketbook or any other item which could, in the opinion of the personnel at the magnetometer, contain a weapon shall place such package, briefcase, pocketbook or item on the x-ray conveyor belt.

4. Should the x-ray machine disclose what may be a weapon, such item shall be subject to manual search.

5. In the examination of any item carried by such person, the personnel conducting the search shall not examine written materials.

6. If any illegal weapons, explosives, hazardous materials or contraband are discovered, the proper law enforcement officials or officers shall immediately be notified for appropriate action.

7. Prior to gaining entry to the Courthouse, any person carrying a legally authorized firearm shall surrender such firearm to appropriate Courthouse security personnel. Said firearm shall be returned upon the person's exit from the Courthouse.

B. ENTRANCES AND EXITS

All entrances and exits in the Courthouse shall be monitored by either security personnel or electronic devices.

C. SIGNS TO BE POSTED AT ENTRANCES OF COURTHOUSES

The following sign shall be posted in a conspicuous place at all entrances to the Courthouse:

FOR PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC, ALL PERSONS ENTERING THESE PREMISES MUST PASS THROUGH MAGNETOMETER (METAL DETECTOR). IF THE DETECTOR REGISTERS, THAT PERSON WILL BE SUBJECT TO A LIMITED SEARCH. ALL PACKAGES, BRIEFCASES, POCKETBOOKS OR OTHER ITEMS CARRIED BY A PERSON MUST BE OFFERED FOR INSPECTION IF SUCH PERSON WISHES TO ENTER THE BUILDING. ALL LEGALLY AUTHORIZED FIREARMS MUST BE SURRENDERED PRIOR TO GAINING ENTRY AND MAY BE RECLAIMED UPON EXIT. ANY ILLEGAL WEAPONS OR OTHER CONTRABAND DISCOVERED IN THE COURSE OF THESE SEARCH PROCEDURES WILL BE SEIZED.

D. SIGNS TO BE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE EXITS EXCEPT EXITS MONITORED BY SECURITY PERSONNEL:

THIS EXIT IS FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY. OPENING OF DOOR WILL ACTIVATE ALARM.

E. DEFINITIONS:

As used in this administrative Order, the definition of "DESTRUCTIVE DEVICE", "FIREARM", "LEGALLY AUTHORIZED FIREARM" AND "WEAPON" shall be the definition as set forth within Section 790.001 Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

F. EXEMPTIONS:

Judges and law enforcement officers as fully certified pursuant to Florida Statute 943 are exempt from the procedures set forth herein.

G. EMERGENCIES:

It is the intent of this Administrative Order that Courthouse security personnel in their discretion allow access to the Courthouse without compliance with the procedures set forth herein to authorized persons responding to emergencies, including but not limited to law enforcement, fire protection, EMS technical and transport personnel.

H. AMENDMENTS:

Changes or modifications to these measures and requirements may be considered by motion of any interested person or group.

I. EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of these measures shall be no later than November 1, 1989, unless extended by separate order.

ANNEX B : SECURITY MEASURES FOR THE  
MARTIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The intent of this Administrative Order is to restrict the carrying or possession of weapons within the Martin County Courthouse (hereafter referred to as Courthouse) and to protect the people who work in and visit said Courthouse by authorizing and directing the Sheriff of Martin County to conduct a limited search for weapons by the least intrusive method possible and the monitoring of entrances and exits through the following procedures.

A. SEARCHES OF PERSONS ENTERING THE COURTHOUSE

1. Any person who wishes to enter upon Courthouse premises shall enter through authorized entrances and shall pass through a magnetometer (METAL DETECTOR).

2. Any person who activates the device shall be allowed to empty his or her pockets and pass through the device a second time. If, after the second pass through, the device is again activated, the person will not be allowed to enter the Courthouse without giving express consent to a pat-down search.

3. Prior to passing through the magnetometer, any person carrying a package, briefcase, pocketbook or any other item which could, in the opinion of the personnel at the magnetometer, contain a weapon shall place such package, briefcase, pocketbook or item on the x-ray conveyor belt.

4. Should the x-ray machine disclose what may be a weapon, such item shall be subject to manual search.

5. In the examination of any item carried by such person, the personnel conducting the search shall not examine written materials.

6. If any illegal weapons, explosives, hazardous materials or contraband are discovered, the proper law enforcement officials or officers shall immediately be notified for appropriate action.

7. Prior to gaining entry to the Courthouse, any person carrying a legally authorized firearm shall surrender such firearm to appropriate Courthouse security personnel. Said firearm shall be returned upon the person's exit from the Courthouse.

B. ENTRANCES AND EXITS

All entrances and exits in the Courthouse shall be monitored by either security personnel or electronic devices.

C. SIGNS TO BE POSTED AT ENTRANCES OF COURTHOUSES

The following sign shall be posted in a conspicuous place at all entrances to the Courthouse:

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D. SIGNS TO BE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE EXITS EXCEPT EXITS MONITORED BY SECURITY PERSONNEL:

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H. AMENDMENTS:

Changes or modifications to these measures and requirements may be considered by motion of any interested person or group.

I. EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of these measures shall be no later than November 1, 1989, unless extended by separate order.

ANNEX C: SECURITY MEASURES FOR THE  
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The intent of this Administrative Order is to restrict the carrying or possession of weapons within the Okeechobee County Courthouse (hereafter referred to as Courthouse) and to protect the people who work in and visit said Courthouse by authorizing and directing the Sheriff of Okeechobee County to conduct a limited search for weapons by the least intrusive method possible and the monitoring of entrances and exits through the following procedures.

(THE REMAINDER OF THIS ANNEX WILL BE DEVELOPED AT A LATER DATE).

ANNEX D : SECURITY MEASURES FOR THE  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The intent of this Administrative Order is to restrict the carrying or possession of weapons within the St. Lucie County Courthouse (hereafter referred to as Courthouse) and to protect the people who work in and visit said Courthouse by authorizing and directing the Sheriff of St. Lucie County to conduct a limited search for weapons by the least intrusive method possible and the monitoring of entrances and exits through the following procedures.

A. SEARCHES OF PERSONS ENTERING THE COURTHOUSE

1. Any person who wishes to enter upon Courthouse premises shall enter through authorized entrances and shall pass through a magnetometer (METAL DETECTOR).

2. Any person who activates the device shall be allowed to empty his or her pockets and pass through the device a second time. If, after the second pass through, the device is again activated, the person will not be allowed to enter the Courthouse without giving express consent to a pat-down search.

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6. If any illegal weapons, explosives, hazardous materials or contraband are discovered, the proper law enforcement officials or officers shall immediately be notified for appropriate action.

7. Prior to gaining entry to the Courthouse, any person carrying a legally authorized firearm shall surrender such firearm to appropriate Courthouse security personnel. Said firearm shall be returned upon the person's exit from the Courthouse.

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H. AMENDMENTS:

Changes or modifications to these measures and requirements may be considered by motion of any interested person or group.

I. EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of these measures shall be no later than November 1, 1989, unless extended by separate order.