

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF  
FLORIDA

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.:**

98-10

**SUPERSEDES 87-34-CR-B AND  
86-1-S**

**IN RE: JUDICIAL FACILITIES - COURTHOUSE SECURITY**

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Whereas, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit are of primary concern to this court; and

Whereas, court proceedings may be fraught with extreme emotionalism and danger; and

Whereas, it has come to the attention of the Court that persons have sought to enter or remain in one or more of the County Courthouses while in possession of weapons or firearms, either in view or concealed; and

Whereas, this constitutes a potential danger to all persons lawfully on the premises of these facilities; and

Whereas, the administrative supervision of the Courts within this judicial circuit is the responsibility of the Chief Judge, as provided in Rule 2.050, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Anyone entering the Courthouse shall be subject to an administrative search, which may include the use of electronic or other specialized equipment.
2. Anyone, except as provided herein, possessing any weapon(s) or hazardous material(s) of any kind, as determined by the security personnel conducting the search, shall be denied access to the Courthouse unless said weapon(s) or hazardous material(s) are surrendered to the proper authorities.
3. Anyone who refuses to submit to a search of his/her person or his/her bag, briefcase, pocket book, baggage or other similar items shall be denied access to the County Courthouses.
4. If any illegal weapons, explosives, hazardous materials or contraband are discovered, the proper law enforcement officials shall be notified immediately for appropriate action.
5. No person, other than those set forth below, shall be permitted to enter or remain in any Courthouse while in possession of any weapons or firearms:
  - a.) Authorized law enforcement personnel, who are not principals in a matter before the Court.
  - b.) Authorized employees of the Clerk of the County and Circuit Courts holding firearms and weapons as evidence.

c.) Members of the judiciary.

Any person with such weapons or firearms shall be directed out of the Courthouse; should they deliberately seek to reenter or remain in said Courthouse while possessing a weapon or firearm, they shall be deemed to have trespassed after warning, arrested and the weapon or firearm confiscated, pending further Order of the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED THIS 12th day of MARCH, 1998.

JOHN DEAN MOXLEY, JR.

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CHIEF JUDGE

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