

State of Michigan 48 th Judicial Circuit Court 57 th District Court Allegan County Probate Court	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING WEAPONS AND SECURITY	Order No: C482004-1J D572004-1J P032004-1J
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113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, Michigan 49010

This Administrative order is issued in accordance with Michigan Supreme Court, Administrative Order 2001-1. The purpose of this order is to address security and the presence of weapons in court facilities. The previous Administrative Order of the above named courts, 2001-1, is hereby rescinded.

The Circuit, District and Probate Courts for Allegan County find as follows:

1. Court security is an effort to prevent or control such problems as verbal abuse or insult, disorderly conduct, physical violence or the threat thereof, theft, fire, bomb threats, sabotage, hostage situations, prisoner escapes and kidnapping; and
2. The Courts have a responsibility for assuring that reasonable measures are undertaken for the safety and security of the public who use the facilities, jurors who serve the courts and the staff who work in the facilities; therefore,


IT IS ORDERED

1. No weapons are allowed in the courthouse or the facility commonly referred to as the Youth Home. Weapons shall be defined as guns, knives, box cutters, brass knuckles or any other device that could be construed as a weapon. This prohibition applies regardless of the possession of a valid permit to carry a concealed weapon. This prohibition does not apply to Judges, on duty police officers/probation officers when carrying out their assigned function and court security personnel in the performance of their official duties.
2. No cellular phones, pager, two-way radios or any other type of communication device will be allowed in the courtrooms, except for governmental employees with picture I.D., licensed attorneys, physicians, emergency personnel or any person able to provide reasonable proof of an extraordinary need for the communication device.
3. No recording equipment of any kind will be allowed in the courtrooms without the prior approval of the judge before whom the case is scheduled.
4. All persons and their belongings, unless specifically excepted, and all parcels are subject to screening by Sheriff's Deputies or other security personnel for the purpose of keeping weapons or other prohibited items from entering the facilities.
5. If at any time there is an articulable and reasonable suspicion that a weapon or prohibited item may be found, a person or object is subject to search. The search shall be the no more intrusive than necessary to protect against dangers presented.
6. Notice shall be posted that "No weapons are permitted in the facility. All persons and parcels are subject to a search for weapons as a condition of entry. Persons in violation of this order may be held in contempt of court".

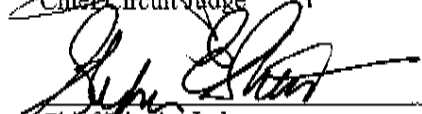
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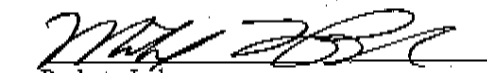
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Chief Circuit Judge



Chief District Judge



Probate Judge

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