



General Order 73.3 - Court Security

PURPOSE: To provide guidelines regarding the search and disposition of items carried into the courtroom and to establish guidelines and procedures regarding the use of restraints on persons in the courtroom.

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73.3.1 OPEN

73.3.2 HANDHELD ITEMS IN THE COURTROOM

- A. In order to maintain the safety of the court security deputies, the public, and the court, any item having the potential to be used as a weapon can be barred from the courtroom. This decision will be left to the discretion of the judge.
- B. In the case of high-risk trials, all items carried into the courtroom will be subject to search and/or exclusion from the courtroom. All items barred from the courtroom will be removed from the Courthouse forthwith or stored in lockers as provided.
- C. **(R)** Inmates who have requested writing materials so they may take notes to be used in their defense shall only be allowed to use the frangible markers supplied by the court security section for that purpose.

73.3.3 USE OF RESTRAINTS ON PRISONERS WHILE IN COURT

A. Arrest/Custody Procedures in the Courtroom (Use of Restraints)

1. When a court security deputy effects an arrest or places a person in custody in the courtroom, either by court order or on-view, the deputy will strictly adhere to the following procedures:
 - a. The deputy shall place the person in handcuffs to the back of the body. If a physical condition exists that prohibits that method of cuffing, then the handcuffs will be placed in front of the prisoner and through the belt, if possible. The prisoner will then be moved to the court holding cell hallway area and thoroughly searched according to procedure. Female prisoners shall be patted down or searched by female deputies. The prisoner shall then be escorted to the court holding cell, the detention facility, or the Judicial Division holding cells for processing.
 - b. The deputy will ensure that he/she has obtained all necessary court documents to accompany the prisoner to the booking area through the court link hallway area.
 - c. Hand and leg restraints shall be placed on all prisoners for appearance in any court hearing except a jury trial, unless there is a court order instructing full or limited restraints.
 1. **(R)** The court security section supervisor may also determine a need for more or less restraints and solicit the proper orders from the court.
 - d. Nothing in this order shall preclude a deputy from taking the appropriate action to neutralize any threat/violence/escape attempt by the prisoner. (Refer to section 1.3, "Use of Force".)