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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF YAVAPAI

DONNA McQUALITY, Clerk
By: J. DEROIS

In the Matter of:)
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) Administrative Order
WEAPONS IN THE) 2018-08
PRESCOTT DOWNTOWN)
COURTHOUSE; CAMP VERDE)
SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE; AND THE)
JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER)
COURTHOUSE)
_____)

The Court has a responsibility to provide a safe environment for all persons working or having business in the Prescott Downtown Courthouse, Camp Verde Superior Courthouse, and the Juvenile Justice Courthouse. Supreme Court Administrative Order 2005-32 provides authority for the presiding judge of the county to prohibit or regulate the possession of weapons or potential weapons in areas assigned to or controlled by the court. Restricting the presence of firearms, weapons, or other dangerous items of any type in the court building is essential to providing court security.

Section 38-1113 of the Arizona Revised Statutes regulates the carrying of firearms by peace officers and retired peace officers. The statute provides, among other things, that peace officers may be prohibited from carrying firearms in court buildings, except when acting in their official capacity and carrying peace officer identification, and that peace officers or retired peace officers may be prohibited from carrying firearms in court buildings except when providing court security or responding to an emergency, if a presiding judge has established rules or policies consistent with the statute that establishes such prohibition.

Now, therefore, pursuant to Supreme Court Administrative Order 2005-32 and A.R.S. § 38-1113,

IT IS ORDERED that firearms, weapons, and other dangerous items shall not be brought into the Prescott Downtown Courthouse, Camp Verde Superior Courthouse, and the Juvenile Justice Center Courthouse. Firearms may be carried by peace officers acting in their official capacity and carrying peace officer identification. Officers shall sign in upon entering the court and note the reason that they are present for official business. Peace officers or retired peace officers providing court security or responding to an emergency may carry firearms. Any other person carrying a firearm in the Prescott Downtown Courthouse, Camp Verde Superior Courthouse, and the Juvenile Justice Center Courthouse must be authorized by the presiding judge of the county.

(✓) John J. Conant (C)
(✓) Tracy D. Smith (C)
(✓) Robert J. Derois (C)
(✓) D. J. (C)
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() _____ () Other _____ 1

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that firearms may be carried by detention officers, constables, probation and surveillance officers, and contract court security officers when present for official duties and are authorized by their employing agency to carry firearms in the course of their official duties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all persons, packages, purses, briefcases, boxes, and other containers may be examined upon entering the building through public access areas. Means of examination are at the discretion of the Court Security staff or Superior Court Administration.

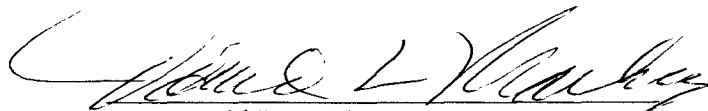
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any person who lawfully possesses a firearm, but is not specifically authorized by this policy to do so in the court building (including a person with concealed weapons permit) is responsible for storing the firearm in a safe manner either outside the court building or in a gun locker provided by the court. If all designated weapons lockers are in use, persons lawfully possessing a firearm shall store it in a safe manner outside of the court building.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that court security personnel shall have the discretion to ban entry or temporarily store any item thought to pose a security risk in the Prescott Downtown Courthouse, Camp Verde Superior Courthouse, and the Juvenile Justice Center Courthouse. Questions or complaints should be referred to Court Security Management or Superior Court Administration.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Superior Court Administrative Order 2008-18 as amended on February 21st, 2013 regarding Security Bypass Policy shall remain in full force and effect.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED any other Limited Jurisdiction Court in Yavapai County may adopt this Administrative Order for use in their respective court by incorporating it into their court security plan.

Dated this 31st day of May 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David L. Mackey", written over a horizontal line.

Hon. David L. Mackey
Presiding Judge