

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Miscellaneous

IN RE: CRAWFORD COUNTY :  
COURTHOUSE and CRAWFORD : Misc. MD 271-2017  
COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER : Misc. A D 2017 4 6 6  
SECURITY :

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Anthony J. Vardaro, P.J.

AND NOW, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017, the Court has determined that for the safety of persons working in and conducting business in court offices located in the Crawford County Judicial Center and the Crawford County Courthouse, the Sheriff of Crawford County and his Deputy Sheriffs are best qualified and trained to provide protection within the facilities. Therefore it is hereby ORDERED and DECREED that the provisions of 18 Pa.C.S.A. §913 shall be enforced by the Crawford County Sheriff.

Consistent with the provisions of 18 Pa.C.S.A. §913, firearms and dangerous weapons are strictly prohibited in the Crawford County Judicial Center and the Crawford County Courthouse except as permitted within the provisions of 18 Pa.C.S.A. §913(c).

The Sheriff of Crawford County and his Deputy Sheriffs are authorized to conduct security screenings and reasonable searches of persons entering the Crawford County Judicial Center and the Crawford County Courthouse for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of 18 Pa.C.S.A. §913.

All packages, briefcases, purses and any other containers in the immediate possession of persons entering the Crawford County Judicial Center or Crawford County Courthouse shall be subject to inspection. An initial search shall be conducted by requiring persons and property to pass through a walk through metal detector or x-ray machine as may be appropriate and a hand held metal detector may be moved in close proximity to all areas of the body of a person being searched as well as in close proximity to all areas of a package being searched.

If a metal detector emits an alert signal, the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriffs may conduct a pat down search of the immediate area of the body of the person being searched which activated the signal if they cannot ascertain otherwise what has caused the alert signal. A pat down search will be conducted only by a Sheriff or Deputy Sheriffs of the same gender as the person being searched. Any package or other item which indicates after the initial screening by x-ray or otherwise that any substances or contraband may be contained therein may be opened and searched by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriffs in the presence of the person who brought the item

into the building and in the event the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriffs need assistance from the person bringing the item into the building in conducting that search, the person shall cooperate in aiding the item to be searched. For the purposes of this Order, a “dangerous weapon” and a “firearm” shall be defined in a manner set forth in 18 Pa.C.S.A. §913(f).

It shall be the responsibility of the Sheriff of Crawford County in conjunction with the District Court Administrator to post notices as required by 18 Pa.C.S.A. §913(d) conspicuously at the public entrance to the Crawford County Judicial Center and the Crawford County Courthouse. This Administrative Order shall take effect thirty (30) days after it is published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

**BY THE COURT,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'P' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

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**P.J.**

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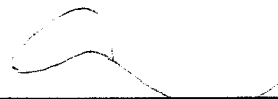
AND NOW, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017, the Court ORDERS and DIRECTS that the Administrative Order related to security for the Crawford County Judicial Center and the Crawford County Courthouse shall be published forthwith in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

It is further ordered that the Administrative Order regarding security shall be effective 30 days after publication thereof in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

It is further ordered that in accordance with Pennsylvania Rules of Judicial Administration 103, the District Court Administrator shall:

- (a) Distribute two paper copies of the Administrative Order to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. It shall also be distributed to the Legislative Reference Bureau a copy of the Administrative Order on a computer diskette, CD-ROM or other agreed upon alternate format that complies with the requirements of 1 Pa. Code §13.11(b);
- (b) File one copy of the Administrative Order with the Administrative Office;
- (c) Publish a copy of the Administrative Order on the website for Crawford County when it becomes effective;
- (d) Compile the Administrative Order within the Local Rules of Judicial Administration no later than 30 days following publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*;
- (e) Distribute a copy of the Administrative Order together with this Order to the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Crawford County, the Crawford County District Attorney, the Crawford County Sheriff and the Crawford County Commissioners.

**BY THE COURT,**

  
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