



OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

General Order

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| | NUMBER 28 | DATE February 27, 2004 |
| SUBJECT: | WEAPONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT BUILDING | DISTRIBUTION G. |
| REFERENCE: | | |

I. SCOPE

This Order will apply to every employee of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

II. PURPOSE

The Sheriff's Office recognizes the need to provide a safe environment for all persons. The Circuit Court of Oakland County requires special consideration because the decisions rendered by the Court will greatly affect an individual's life. Therefore, the following Order is established to limit the carrying of a firearm or weapon under certain circumstances.

III. APPLICATION

This Order is for internal use only and is not intended to enlarge the employee's civil or criminal liability in any way. It shall not be construed as the creation of a higher level standard of safety or care in an evidentiary sense with respect to third party claims insofar as the employee's legal duty is imposed by law.

IV. PROHIBITED ACTIONS

- 1.0 Deputies appearing before a Judge or other Hearing Officer at the Circuit Court Building {the 1200 Building} on any personal matter may not carry a firearm or weapon or appear in uniform.
- 1.1 Typical examples of personal matters include: divorce, personal protection orders, child custody, etc.
- 1.2 Deputies appearing at the Circuit Court Building on a matter involving a family member as a defendant or victim may not carry a firearm or weapon or wear their uniform.

V. **ARMED DEPUTIES**

- 1.0 Deputies must only enter staffed doors of the Circuit Court Building. Command Officers and Deputies who have previously been granted computer card access may enter at authorized doors.
- 1.1 Deputies are required to identify themselves and log in with the duty Deputy Sheriff and comply with any directions given by the Deputy.

VI. **NONCOMPLIANCE**

- 1.0 In agreement with the Circuit Court Bench and the Sheriff's Office, violations of this Order will be reported directly to the Sheriff's Office.
- 1.1 Failure to comply with the provisions of this Order will be considered a serious violation of Sheriff's Office policy and shall result in disciplinary action.



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Sheriff