Chief Judge Directive 16-07

Public Access to the Office of the District Attorney in Fremont County

I. Purpose: to address the issue of public access to the Office of the District Attorney in the Fremont County Courthouse.

II. Reason for Directive: it has come to the attention of the Chief Judge that there is confusion regarding the denial of access to the Office of the District Attorney in Fremont County. The situation is unique in the District in that the Office of the District Attorney is located within the Fremont County Judicial Facility. Recently, the District Attorney informed the Chief Judge that one of his employees had been threatened and that he wanted to exclude the person who made that threat from his office in the Fremont County Judicial Facility. The District Attorney was informed by the Fremont County Sheriff's Department that they could not exclude a person from any part of the Judicial Facility unless that person was actively committing a disturbance or a crime.

III. Directive: it is within the discretion of the District Attorney to exclude a person from the section of the Judicial Facility that contains the Office of the District Attorney. If the District Attorney decides that such exclusion is necessary, the District Attorney shall notify the Fremont County Sheriff in a manner adequate for the security staff at the front entrance to identify the person. Security staff shall inform that person that they are allowed access to all public areas of the Judicial Facility except the Office of the District Attorney. If the person then accesses the Office of the District Attorney, they are, at the least, to be removed from the Judicial Facility.

Signed in Salida, Colorado on November 29, 2016.

_/s/Patrick W. Murphy_____

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Chief Judge, 11th Judicial District