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## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER CONCERNING FIREARMS AND OTHER DEADLY WEAPONS IN COURT FACILITIES

**COURT USE ONLY** 

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2019-17**

This order governs the bringing of deadly weapons into court and probation facilities of the Eighth Judicial District. A "deadly weapon" includes any of the following: (1) firearms, as defined in C.R.S. 18-1-901 (3)(h), whether loaded or unloaded, (2) knives; (3) bludgeons, or (4) any other weapon, device, instrument, material or substance, whether animate or inanimate, that, in the manner it is used or intended to be used, is capable of producing death or serious bodily injury. No permit authorizing the carrying of concealed weapons shall be construed as an exception to this order.

No person, except as noted below or in Attachment E to Chief Justice Directive 08-06, shall bring deadly weapons, concealed or otherwise, into court and probation facilities in the Eighth Judicial District.

This order does not apply to the Larimer County Sheriff's Office, and its agents, in the discharge of duties pertaining to court security and the transportation of prisoners.

This order does not apply to the Office of the District Attorney, which is a separate entity and may regulate this conduct themselves in their own area.

This order also does not prohibit bringing weapons into court and probation facilities by public law enforcement officers when coming to the courts on official business. "Official business" includes a case where an officer is a witness in his or her professional capacity as a law enforcement officer. The Sheriff may require such officers to check in with security personnel at the entrance of the building, identify themselves, and, if not in uniform, obtain and wear a suitable form of identification while in the building. "Official business" does not extend to an officer who is present as a party or litigant for any type of case, or to appear for a case involving a family member or to any other appearance for personal reasons.

This order does not limit the authority of a judicial officer, in a specific case, to issue an order prohibiting deadly weapons from being brought by anyone into a court proceeding.

The Sheriff or designee(s) shall enforce this order. The Courts of the Eighth Judicial District may enforce this order via contempt or as otherwise provided by law.

Dated this 26 of December, 2019.

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Stephen E. Howard Chief Judge, Eighth Judicial District