

IN THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: COURTHOUSE AND COURTROOM SECURITY FOR THE
COLLIER COUNTY COURTHOUSE COMPLEX

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WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 2.18 sets forth courthouse and courtroom security policy for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit, and

WHEREAS, paragraph 7 of Administrative Order No. 2.18 allows for special exemptions on a county-by-county basis, and

WHEREAS, upon consultation with the Circuit Administrative Judge for Collier County, it has been determined that a special exemption is appropriate for Collier County,

NOW THEREFORE it is:

ORDERED that, in addition to the exemptions provided for by Administrative Order No. 2.18, an exemption shall also be made for sworn law enforcement officers from the Collier County Sheriff's Office, Naples Police Department, Marco Island Police Department, Seminole Police Department and sworn law enforcement officers assigned to Collier County from the Florida Highway Patrol and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, wearing readily identifiable department issued uniforms who are conducting official law enforcement business within the Collier County Courthouse Complex, including the attached Annex.

All firearms must be in a visible law enforcement approved multiple step retention holder (level 2 or 3) other than friction only.

This law enforcement exemption shall be applied in accordance with the attached Exhibit "A," which is hereby adopted and shall be strictly construed and enforced.

And it is further

ORDERED that nothing in this exemption shall preclude a presiding judge from determining who will carry a firearm or concealed weapon in his or her courtroom.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida this 6th day of ~~October~~, 2017.

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Michael T. McHugh
Chief Judge

Exhibit "A"

1. All law enforcement officers that intend to carry a firearm into the courthouse complex shall wear either an agency issued Class A uniform (long sleeve dress uniform) or Class B uniform (short sleeve, standard patrol uniform.)
2. Firearms must be secured in a level 2 or level 3 retention holster (standard road patrol holster.)
3. Law enforcement officers in plain clothes or undercover attire and law enforcement officers conducting any type of personal business shall be required to secure their firearms at the security checkpoint at the main entrance and at the employee entrance.
4. Upon entering the main entrance of the courthouse all law enforcement officers who intend to carry their firearm shall check in at the bailiff station in the front lobby and must present agency issued photo identification and shall sign in on a form that will be at the bailiff station. The bailiff on duty shall record the name and ID number of the law enforcement officer, the assigned agency, the reason for appearing at the courthouse, the attorney or court that issued the subpoena and the time of check in and check out of the courthouse. If the law enforcement officer does not have a subpoena, the officer must notify the bailiff on duty of the reason for being in the courthouse and the bailiff on duty shall verify the legitimate presence of the officer.
5. Upon signing in at the bailiff station the law enforcement officer shall be given a plastic ID card holder that is identifiable to the courthouse to hold his or her agency issued ID and which shall be worn in a visible manner at all times. The ID card holder shall be turned in at the bailiff station when checking out.
6. Each agency to which this exemption applies shall ensure that their respective law enforcement officers are aware of the procedures set forth in this Order.
7. For purposes of this Order, Courthouse Security Guards shall be defined to include those security guards assigned by any law enforcement agency or any other governmental agency to provide security at the Collier County Courthouse Complex.

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