

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

RE: COURTHOUSE SECURITY

It is this 26th day of July 2016, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland,

ORDERED

1. That the Sheriff for Montgomery County, Maryland is responsible for establishing and maintaining security in and about the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, and that all persons must comply with this Order and the Sheriff's instructions regarding security measures in or about the Circuit Court for Montgomery County; and,

2. That all Circuit Court for Montgomery County employees and officials secure identification cards, as provided by the Sheriff's Office, in order to have access to the Circuit Court for Montgomery County without having to pass through security screening stations located at various places in or about the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. Attorneys who contribute to the Clients Protection Fund and are duly licensed to practice law before the Maryland Court of Appeals, may submit application to the Bar Association of Montgomery County for a security pass, valid for a period of five (5) years, to be issued through the Sheriff's Office at the expense of the attorney. Each attorney wishing to obtain such a security pass must sign the following certification:

Certification of Attorney

I hereby certify the following:

- I will present my security pass for inspection by a Security Officer whenever entering the Circuit Court for Montgomery County or any other court which may choose to accept my security pass.
- I will not give, transfer or loan this pass to any other person.
- I will not carry or bring any firearm or other dangerous weapon or dangerous instrumentalities of any kind into the Circuit Court for Montgomery County or any court buildings.
- I will not carry property of another through security entrances of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County or any other court building without submitting it to inspection.
- I will promptly surrender my security pass if I should cease to be duly licensed to practice before the Maryland Court of Appeals or when requested by a representative of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.
- I will promptly notify the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and the Bar Association of Montgomery County if my security pass is lost or stolen.
- I will not duplicate my security pass.

3. The Sheriff, and/or his designee, may require any one to go through the security stations, as a spot check, regardless of any issued identification card; and,

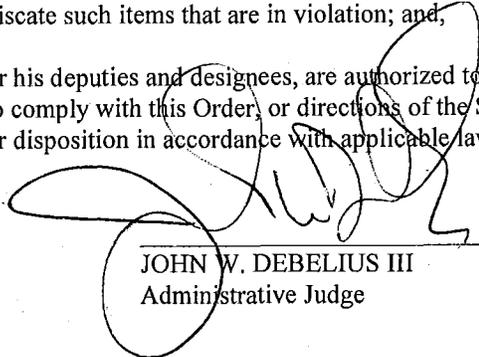
4. That in the event the Sheriff, and/or his designee, determines that there exists an emergency due to fire, bomb threat, or any other occurrence that may threaten bodily injury to persons in or about the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, he shall sound the alarm by any means possible. All persons, including judges, officials, staff, jurors, and members of the public shall vacate the building forthwith; and, persons refusing to vacate may be removed by any means appropriate including force; and

5. That all law enforcement officers who are armed shall comply with the Sheriff's, and/or his designee's, instructions concerning the carrying of weapons and/or dangerous items in or about the Circuit Court for Montgomery County; and,

6. That with the Sheriff's exception of law enforcement officers on official business, no person shall bring or attempt to bring into the Circuit Court for Montgomery County any weapon, firearm, gun, knife, explosive, illegal drugs or other dangerous instrumentalities. Any substance, weapon or instrument in violation of this Order is subject to seizure by the Sheriff, or his designee; and,

7. No cameras, television equipment, television cameras, recording or listening devices will be allowed above the lobby level. Any deviation from this Order must be approved by the Administrative Judge. The Sheriff, and/or his designee(s), may confiscate such items that are in violation; and,

8. That the Sheriff, and/or his deputies and designees, are authorized to enforce all Sections of this Order. Any person who resists or fails to comply with this Order, or directions of the Sheriff, may be taken into custody and brought before this Court for disposition in accordance with applicable law.



JOHN W. DEBELIUS III
Administrative Judge