

KING COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE

) GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
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No. 97-53

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) Order Regarding Screening for Security
) at King County District Court Facilities
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To ensure adequate security at the following outlying court divisions: Aukeen, Bellevue, Federal Way, Issaquah, Northeast, Renton, Shoreline and Southwest, and to further clarify those items which are excluded from the courthouses, it is

Hereby ordered that effective immediately, no person (except duly commissioned law enforcement officers not entering the building for purposes relating to a case in which they are a named party) shall bring into any of the aforementioned court facilities, including the probation, prosecutor and public defense offices located therein:

Any item that constitutes a weapon under any applicable law; any explosive substance; alcohol; mace, pepper spray or similar items; or , any item that may be used as a weapon such as box knives, screwdrivers, scissors, letter openers, and pocket knives; provided that the court security detail may permit the following into the building: (1) weapons carried by authorized law enforcement officers not entering the building for purposes relating to a case in which they are a named party; (2) weapons or other items in the possession of law enforcement officers or deputy prosecuting attorneys which are being brought into the building to be used as an exhibit in a pending case; (3) tools of trade in possession of construction workers, repair and maintenance workers who are on assignment in the building; (4) office equipment and supplies and ordinary kitchen utensils, in the possession of persons employed in the building and which are being brought into the building for their ordinary use.

The Department of Public Safety acting through the court security personnel and/or King County Police shall use appropriate electronic scanning devices and/or search all persons and property entering the said facilities except staff, who by Division policy, may be exempted therefrom.

DONE this 21st day of April, 1997



JUDGE JAMES D. CAYOE, PRESIDING JUDGE
KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT