

KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
KING COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE

) GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
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No. 01 -76

**Order Rescinding GAO 97-53 and
Adopting GAO Regarding Screening for
Security at King County District Court
Facilities**

To ensure adequate security at the following King County District Court facilities located in Aukeen, Bellevue, Federal Way, Issaquah, Mercer Island, Northeast, Renton, Shoreline, Southwest and Vashon, and to clarify those items which are excluded from being brought into these facilities, it is

Hereby ordered that effective immediately, no person, except a commissioned law enforcement officer entering one of the above-listed courthouse facilities for the purpose of law enforcement-related business, shall bring into any of the aforementioned court facilities, including the probation, prosecutor and public defense offices located therein, any of the following items:

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, however, the Court Protection Unit may permit the following items into the courthouse facilities: (1) weapons or other items in the possession of commissioned law enforcement officers, or in the possession of attorneys as authorized by a judge, which are being brought into the building to be used as an exhibit in a pending case; (2) tools of trade in possession of construction workers, or repair and maintenance workers who are on assignment in the courthouse; (3) office equipment and supplies and ordinary kitchen utensils, in the possession of persons employed in the courthouse and which are being brought into the courthouse for their ordinary use.

The King County Sheriff's Office, acting through the Court Protection Unit or designee, shall use appropriate electronic scanning devices and/or search all persons and property entering the said facilities except for courthouse staff, who by division policy, may be exempted therefrom.

GAO 97-53, issued April 21, 1997, is hereby rescinded.

Signed this 25th day of April, 2001.



David A. Steiner
Presiding Judge, King County District Court