

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TRINITY

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COUNTY OF TRINITY
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**IN THE MATTER OF WEAPONS SCREENING
AND THE USE OF METAL DETECTION AND
XRAY EQUIPMENT BY THE TRINITY
COUNTY MARSHAL'S OFFICE**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 24-002

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF TRINITY, HEREBY AUTHORIZES the Trinity County Marshal to install and operate appropriate security equipment in any facility used by, for, or on behalf of the Trinity Superior Court. That equipment shall include, but is not limited to airport-style security machinery consisting of x-ray machines and magnetometers. The Marshal shall also have available hand-held weapons screening devices.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all persons entering court facilities shall submit their persons and items in their possession to weapons screening, by use of metal detection and x-ray equipment, to be operated by and at the discretion of the Trinity County Marshal, or his authorized designee (hereinafter "Marshal").

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that weapons screening be limited to be no more intrusive than is necessary to protect against the danger involved.

If, upon screening, the Marshal reasonably suspects the presence of an item, which may compromise security, the Marshal may demand to inspect it. If the item is otherwise lawful to possess, but compromises security in the judgment of the Marshal, the Marshal shall prohibit possession of the item in the court facility by allowing the possessor to depart. No person shall be permitted to enter any court facility while in possession of any such item.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Marshal may deny entry into any court facility to any person who refuses to submit to weapons screening upon request of the Marshal.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Marshal shall post signage clearly visible to the public before the entry to court facilities, declaring the existence and use of weapons screening devices and providing that all persons entering court facilities are subject to reasonable searches of their persons and possessions and that all persons may leave the facilities rather than submit to weapons screening.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Marshal has sole discretion to exempt from this screening process any person the Marshal deems appropriate, any court or county


employee whose regular office or work station is in a court facility, including judicial officers, as well as peace officers on official business who display current and valid photographic identification.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, except in emergencies or as otherwise allowed by the Marshal, all persons not possessing a valid card key issued to that person shall exit the facility by using the exit located at the security checkpoint staffed by the Marshal.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no person, other than a peace officer on official business, authorized employee or a judicial officer, shall possess a firearm, knife, tear gas, Taser, stun gun, or similar weapon or device, as defined or listed in Penal Code, Sections 171b, 244.5, 17240, and 17250. This prohibition shall be enforced whether or not the person also possesses a valid license or permit therefore. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this prohibition shall apply to peace officers who seek entry to court facilities when not on official business, such as when they are parties, witnesses or spectators to matters unrelated to their function as peace officers.

Disobedience of this Order may be punishable as contempt of court.

DATED: January 1, 2024


HON. ERIC L. HERYFORD
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court