

STATE OF INDIANA)
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COUNTY OF FULTON)

IN THE FULTON CIRCUIT COURT
& FULTON SUPERIOR COURT

2019 TERM

CAUSE NO: 25C01-1901-CB-1

IN THE MATTER OF)
COURTHOUSE SECURITY)

ORDER BANNING WEAPONS FROM

THE FULTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, EFFECTIVE:

SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

Pursuant to the inherent powers of the Circuit and Superior Courts of Fulton County, Indiana, and in order to provide the safe and orderly operation of the various Courts and various Courthouse offices, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:


1. Upon entering the Fulton County Courthouse, each person doing so shall agree and consent to the search of his or her personal clothing, as well as to the inspection or search of any package, briefcase, purse, or other object within the possession of that person, and such inspection or search shall be conducted by any means approved by the Fulton County Sheriff.
2. Except for persons identified generically in Paragraph 6 of this Order, all persons are prohibited from entering the Fulton County Courthouse, or staying in the Courthouse, while in possession of any of the following items: a deadly weapon; a firearm; an electric stun weapon; a Taser; a stun gun; a knife with a blade longer than two (2) inches; an explosive device; a club; and/or any material that (in the manner in which it is used, could be used, or is intended to be used) is readily capable of causing serious bodily injury (as defined by I.C. 35-31.5-2-292).
3. Any person refusing to comply with a provision of this Order will be denied access to the Fulton County Courthouse by the Fulton County

Sheriff or the Sheriff's deputies. Any person knowingly violating this Order may, pursuant to I.C. 34-4 7-3, be subject to the contempt power of the courts.

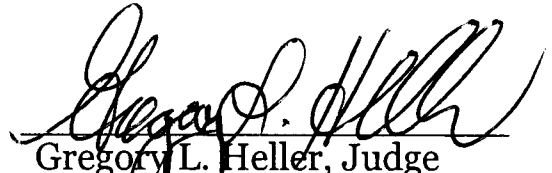
4. Denial to access to the Fulton County Courthouse shall not constitute an excused absence from a scheduled court hearing.
5. If any prohibited item listed in Paragraph 2 is found in the Fulton County Courthouse, such item will be confiscated by the Fulton County Sheriff's deputies and thereafter, pursuant to statute will be destroyed.
6. The following persons, having official business within the Fulton County Courthouse, are specifically exempt from the effects of this Order: all law enforcement officers; Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) officers; community corrections officers; probation officers; judicial officers; and all county employees. However, any such exempted person shall not be exempt from the provisions of this paragraph if he or she, or any member of his or her family, is a party to any court proceeding scheduled for hearing that day in the Fulton County Courthouse.
7. A person believed to be in violation of this Order may be detained by the Fulton County Sheriff or the Sheriff's deputies or any other law enforcement officer until such person shall confirm his name, residential address, date of birth, and social security number to such Sheriff, deputy, or law enforcement officer. The Sheriff, deputy, or law enforcement officer shall verify the accuracy of such person's identity and identifying information before such person shall be permitted to depart from the presence of the sheriff, deputy, or officer.
8. A copy of this Order shall be placed in a conspicuous place at each entrance to the Fulton County Courthouse, and a copy of this Order shall likewise be posted on each of the public bulletin boards on the first floor of the Fulton County Courthouse.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

ALL OF WHICH IS ORDERED on this 13th day of September, 2019.



Christopher Lee, Judge
Fulton Circuit Court



Gregory L. Heller, Judge
Fulton Superior Court