

**VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF NORFOLK**

**IN RE: COURTHOUSE AND COURTROOM SECURITY**

**O R D E R**

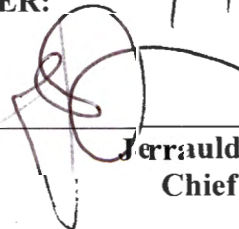
Pursuant to Virginia Code § 53.1-120 (A), the Sheriff shall ensure that the Courthouse within this jurisdiction is safe and secure from violence and disruption and shall designate deputies for this purpose.

In order to assist the Sheriff in his efforts to provide proper security for the Courthouse, it is hereby **ORDERED** that firearms or other weapons as enumerated in Virginia Code § 18.2-283.1, chemical agents, cameras, or other recording devices are not permitted in the Courthouse unless otherwise authorized. It is further **ORDERED** that there shall not be any type of taping, filming or recording of any part of the interior of the Courthouse unless otherwise authorized.

It is further **ORDERED** that laptop computers, tablets, cellular telephones, camera phones or other electronic or personal communication devices are not permitted in the Courthouse except by: (i) active and retired Judges; (ii) Magistrates; (iii) Attorneys-at-law who possess and present a valid bar photo identification card; (iv) Police Officers, Sheriffs, Deputy Sheriffs, other law enforcement agents or officials; (v) Probation Officers possessing proper credentials while in the conduct of such person's official duties; (vi) State and local agency employees, possessing proper credentials, whose presence in the Courthouse is directly related to their official duties or business; (v) court reporters during the course of their official court business, and (vi) other individuals, only upon a specific determination by the Sheriff that their possession of the otherwise prohibited items, do not pose a security risk or threat and that access to such device is necessary for conducting their work or business at the Courthouse.

It is further **ORDERED** that any person who, pursuant to sections (i) through (vi), is authorized to possess a prohibited item in the Courthouse shall not directly or indirectly assist any unauthorized person's use or possession of a prohibited item. Any violation of this Order may be deemed contempt of Court and punishable in accordance with the law.

**ENTER:**

5/31/2018  


Jerrauld C. Jones  
Chief Judge