"It is the policy of the Ninth Judicial District that, for the purpose of enhancing security for all persons attending court sessions within the district, the following procedures are adopted:

The sheriff of each county and his or her designees are authorized to conduct searches of all bags, packages, briefcases or any other containers, as well as coats and removable outer wear carried by persons wishing to enter, for any reason, courtrooms, adjacent hallways or any other area used for court proceedings.

Any person refusing to submit to such search shall be refused admission to the areas noted above.

Items found during such search that are deemed by authorized law enforcement personnel to be potentially dangerous, illegal or barred by court policy may be seized during the time the owner is within court environs, or longer if the items so merit.

Signage that gives sufficient notification of this policy shall be placed at entrances to court areas.

Judges and court administrators will work with local sheriffs to determine how best to implement this procedure. This policy is not intended to restrict additional security measures that individual counties wish to implement."

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