

IN THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: COURTHOUSE AND COURTROOM SECURITY
FOR LEE COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER COMPLEX

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 2.18 sets forth the courthouse and courtroom security policy for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit; and

WHEREAS, paragraph 7 of Administrative Order No. 2.18 allows for special exemptions on a county-by-county basis; and

WHEREAS, upon consultation with the Circuit Administrative Judge for Lee County, it has been determined that a special exemption is appropriate for Lee County;

It is **ORDERED** that, in addition to the exemptions provided for by Administrative Order No. 2.18, an exemption shall also be made for sworn law enforcement officers wearing readily identifiable department issued uniforms who are conducting official law enforcement business within the Lee County Justice Center Complex. All firearms must be in a visible law enforcement approved multiple step retention holster other than friction only. This law enforcement exemption shall be applied in accordance with the attached Exhibit "A", which is hereby adopted and shall be strictly construed and enforced.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers in Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida this
15TH day of January, 2008.

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I certify this document to be a true and correct copy of the original on file in my office.
Charlie Green, Clerk Circuit Court, Lee County, Florida
Dated: 1-17-08

G. Keith Cary
G. Keith Cary
Chief Judge

Charlie Green
Deputy Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

The following policy will address the carrying and/or securing of weapons while conducting business in the Lee County Justice Center Complex:

1. Sworn law enforcement officers wearing readily identifiable department issued uniforms may carry their firearms while conducting official law enforcement business within the Lee County Justice Center Complex. These firearms must be in a visible Law Enforcement approved multiple step retention holster other than friction only.

2. Sworn law enforcement officers **NOT** wearing a readily identifiable agency issued uniform may not carry their firearms while conducting official law enforcement business within the Lee County Justice Center Complex. These officers will be required to secure their weapons at the security checkpoint prior to entering the complex. This would include, but not be limited to: undercover officers, detectives in civilian wear and any other civilian attire.

3. At no time will any sworn law enforcement officer, whether in uniform or in plain clothes be permitted to carry their firearm while conducting any type of personal action within the Lee County Justice Center Complex. This would include, but not be limited to the following types of cases: Divorce, Child Custody, Character witness in civil or criminal cases.

****It is recommended that at no time should any law enforcement officer in the above styled cases wear any official department uniform or identifiers while conducting personal business in or out of the courtrooms.****

4. It will be the responsibility of each officer to adhere to their agency's individual regulations regarding personal and official court appearances.