

IN THE 24th JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON

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	)	PRESIDING JUDGE ORDER NO. <u>26-025</u>
In the Matter of Courthouse	)	
Entrance Screening	)	Case: D24PJO1
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	)	ORDER ESTABLISHING COURTHOUSE
Effective Date: April 1, 2026	)	SCREENING AND ACCESS REQUIREMENTS
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The Court, having determined that security screening and controlled courthouse access are necessary to protect the safety of the public, staff, and all courthouse users. To ensure safety, compliance with Oregon law, and consistent operational practices across both counties, the Court hereby orders:

1. Public Access & Screening Requirements

All public access to each courthouse is limited to one designated entrance equipped with electronic screening for weapons and other prohibited items. (See Attachment A).

All persons not exempted by this order are subject to electronic and hand search of their person and property by law enforcement personnel, as well as the seizure of any prohibited items. Anyone who refuses to be searched will not be admitted into the courthouse.

Grant County: Public access is through the southwest (rear) entrance of the courthouse. All remaining courthouse entrances shall remain locked and accessible only to authorized employees via keycard.

Harney County: Public access is through the east (front) entrance of the courthouse, except for individuals requiring the ADA-accessible entrance. The back (west) entrance of the courthouse will remain locked and accessible only via employee keycards in accordance with county policy. It will be equipped with an Aiphone (camera intercom system) so non-employee members of the public needing ADA access can alert screening staff or designated backup personnel. When security screening is operating, all non-employee individuals entering through this entrance must undergo screening performed by screening staff. When screening is not operating, designated staff may allow these individuals into the building.

2. Employee Entry & Screening Exemptions

- Employees who are on official duty may bypass screening by using a keycard-controlled entrance.

- Employees entering the courthouse for personal business must enter through the public entrance and complete security screening.
- Primary public defense contractors who hold an Oregon Public Defense Commission contract to serve the 24th Judicial District in criminal matters may bypass security screening if they are jointly authorized by the county and the Court Security Advisory Committee and are identified in a Presiding Judge's Order. Each authorized individual must complete an annual background check through the Sheriff's Office. No one may have a screening exemption if they have the following offenses on their record which include, but are not limited to:
 - Violent felony convictions
 - Registered sex offender status
 - Crimes involving weapons
 - Felony theft within the past 15 years
 - Within the past 15 years: assault, sexual offenses, domestic violence, child abuse, drug-related crimes, or crimes of moral turpitude
- Failure or refusal to complete the background check will result in loss of screening-bypass privileges. Authorization may be revoked at any time when the county and the Court Security Advisory Committee agree to revocation.

3. Weapons Policy

Pursuant to ORS 166.360, ORS 166.370, and PJO 26-004, weapons are prohibited inside either courthouse, including weapons carried by individuals holding concealed handgun licenses. A sheriff, police officer, parole and probation officer, other duly appointed peace officer or a corrections officer while acting within the scope of employment, may possess a firearm or other weapon.

4. Keycard Door Use & Escorting

Employees may not admit or assist any unauthorized individual through a keycard-controlled entrance, except for their own minor children.

5. Accountability

Security staff shall document and report all breaches or unauthorized entries. Any violation of the screening rules or other Oregon law may cause the entrant to be contacted by a Sheriff's Deputy, Parole and Probation Officer, or Corrections Deputy.

6. Compliance & Enforcement

Violations of this Order may result in county disciplinary action, including possible revocation of keycard access privileges. Violations may also constitute contempt of court.

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Robert S. Raschio, Circuit Court Judge

Attachment A – PJO 26-25

The following is a list of **Prohibited Items**-including, but not limited to:

CATEGORY	PROHIBITED ITEMS
Drugs/Controlled Substances/Alcohol	Drugs Drug paraphernalia Syringes (non-medical reasons) Alcohol/Alcoholic Beverages All others fitting this category (The above list excludes Prescription Meds)
Flammables/Explosives	Aerosol sprays Torch lighters Hazardous materials of any kind Explosives of any kind Bombs or grenades Rocket having a propellant charge of more than 4 oz Missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than 0.25 oz Mine Any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into any destructive device described in paragraph (a) of this subsection and from which a destructive device may be readily assembled. All others fitting this category
Edged/Sharp Objects	Box cutter, utility knives/razors Metal utensils Hand/Power tools All others fitting this category
Edged/Sharp Weapons	Knives of any kind and any length Sharp Weapons or Swords Sharp/Pointed walking sticks Dirks Daggers Ice Picks Metal Knuckles All others fitting this category
Firearms	Actual firearms of any kind Ammunition of any kind Any form of black-powder firearms Antique firearms Machine guns Short-barreled rifles

CATEGORY	PROHIBITED ITEMS
	Short-barreled shotguns All others fitting this category
Designed Impact Weapons	Batons Billy clubs Kubotans Slingshots Bludgeon Knobkerrie Nunchaku Nightstick Truncheon All others fitting this category
Potential Impact Weapons	Baseball bats Flashlights (C cell or larger) Sporting sticks All others fitting this category
Personal Defense Items	Glass to include bottles or jars Handcuffs, or handcuff keys Restraints Lock Picks Mace or Pepper Spray Tear Gas Tasers or Stun Guns Rope/Chain over 12” long All others fitting this category
Replica Firearms	Replica or toy firearms Replica or toy ammunition All others fitting this category

ORS 166.210; ORS 166.360(10); ORS 166.382