

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 07-95-52

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND
FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER GOVERNING POSSESSION OR DISPLAY
OF WEAPONS, FIREARMS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN COURTHOUSES OR
JUDICIAL FACILITIES WITHIN OSCEOLA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Osceola County are of primary concern to the Board of County Commissioners and this Court; and

WHEREAS, the tragic incident which occurred on January 10, 1984 in Orange County Courthouse, resulting in serious injury and loss of life, illustrates that court proceedings may be fraught with extreme emotionalism and danger; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has appropriated funding for the purpose of improving the safety and security of those who conduct business within the Courthouse, including employees and citizens; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to ensure the safety and security of those persons conducting business within the Osceola County Courthouse as well as those persons employed within the Courthouse, it is necessary to restrict the possession of weapons, firearms and hazardous materials in the courthouse or judicial facilities within Osceola County;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Belvin Perry, Jr., pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, under Rule 2.050, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, do hereby order as follows:

1. That the Osceola County Courthouse and judicial facilities are designated as Secure Facilities.
 2. Any individual entering the courthouse and judicial facilities shall be subject to search, including the use of electronic or other specialized equipment.
 3. Anyone possessing any weapon, firearm or hazardous material or materials of any kind shall be denied access to the courthouse and judicial facilities unless said weapon or weapons or hazardous material or materials are surrendered to the proper authorities.
 4. Anyone who refuses to submit to a search of his or her person or his or her bags, briefcases, pocket books, baggage or other similar items shall be denied access to the Osceola County Courthouse and judicial facilities.
 5. If any illegal weapons, firearms, explosives, hazardous materials or contraband are discovered, the proper law enforcement officials or officers shall be immediately notified for appropriate action.
 6. Possession or display of weapons, firearms or hazardous materials shall be restricted to law enforcement officers, including the State Attorney and investigators employed by the State Attorney's Office and any county and circuit judges only.
 7. This Administrative Order shall apply to the Osceola County Courthouse and judicial facilities.
 8. Administrative Order entered on June 30, 1988 is Amended.
- DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida this 18th day of June, 1996.