

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO**

In Re: WEAPONS IN COURT FACILITIES) JOURNAL ENTRY

All persons are hereby prohibited from conveying or attempting to convey a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance into, or from possessing, or having under one's control a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance in, the Lake County Court House, the Lake County Court House West Annex, the Lake County Juvenile Court, or the Lake County Administration Center (in which a temporary courtroom is located) (herein, "court facilities").

This prohibition does not apply to any of the following: (1) a common pleas judge; (2) a peace officer or an officer of a law enforcement agency of this state or another state, a political subdivision of this state or another state, or the United States, who is authorized to carry a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance, who possesses or has under that individual's control a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance as a requirement of that individual's duties, and who is acting within the scope of that individual's duties at the time of that possession or control; (3) a person who conveys, attempts to convey, possesses, or has under the person's control a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance that is to be used as evidence in a pending criminal or civil action or proceeding; (4) a bailiff or deputy bailiff of the court who is authorized to carry a firearm, or who possesses or has under that individual's control a firearm as a requirement of that individual's duties, and who is acting within the scope of that individual's duties at the time of that possession or control; or (5) a prosecutor, or a secret service officer appointed by a county prosecuting attorney, who is authorized to carry a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance in the performance of the individual's duties, who possesses or has under that individual's control a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance as a requirement of that individual's duties, and who is acting within the scope of that individual's duties at the time of that possession or control.

The Lake County Common Pleas Court does not offer any service to any person who, at the time of the carrying or possession of a handgun or weapon, is carrying a valid license or temporary emergency license to carry a concealed handgun or weapon issued to the person under sections 2923.125 or 2923.1213 of the Revised Code or a license to carry a concealed handgun or weapon that was issued by another state with which the attorney general has entered into a reciprocity agreement under section 109.69 of the Revised Code (herein, "licensees"), for the transfer of possession of any handgun or weapon to any court security officer or for the securing of any handgun or weapon until the licensee is prepared to leave the court facilities. A licensee shall not bring any handgun or weapon to the court facilities. A licensee who attempts to convey a handgun or weapon into the court facilities shall be refused admission, and any licensee who conveys or persistently attempts to convey a handgun or weapon into the court facilities violates this order and applicable statutes and is subject to arrest and criminal prosecution.

Not later than April 5, 2004, the court and sheriff shall post a copy of this journal entry and an appropriate notice at the entrances of the Lake County Court House, the Lake County Court House West Annex, the Lake County Juvenile Court, and, until completion of the current

courthouse renovation project and the court's cessation of the use of the temporary courtroom therein, the Lake County Administration Center.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

JUDGE PAUL H. MITROVICH
General Division

JUDGE EUGENE A. LUCCI
General Division

JUDGE RICHARD L. COLLINS, JR.
General Division

JUDGE COLLEEN A. FALKOWSKI
Domestic Relations Division

JUDGE WILLIAM W. WEAVER
Juvenile Division

JUDGE TED KLAMMER
Probate Division

JUDGE VINCENT A. CULOTTA
General Division

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