IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLINTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:

ADOPTION OF POLICY

No. 45- 2013

ORDER

AND NOW, this 17th day of June, 2016, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

- The Court adopts the attached updated Firearms or Other Weapons in Court Buildings Policy.
 - 2. All previous Orders and/or polices are VACATED.

BY THE COURT:

P.J

cc: Office of District Attorney

President Judge Craig P. Miller

Judge Michael F. Salisbury

Senjor Judge J. Michael Williamson

Senior Judge Carson V. Brown

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PRESIDENT JUDGE

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS 25TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA COURTHOUSE LOCK HAVEN, PA 17745

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Court Administrator

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COUNT OF COMMON PLEAS 25TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA COURTHOUSE LOCK HAVEN, PA 17745

FIREARMS OR OTHER WEAPONS IN COURT BUILDINGS POLICY

- 1. Except as indicated below, firearms or other weapons are not permitted in Court buildings. This policy applies to employees as well as visitors to Court buildings.
 - 2. Court buildings are described in the County of Clinton as follows:
 - a. Courthouse
 - b. Garden Building
 - c. Any Magisterial District Court Building.
- 3. Appropriate signs shall indicate that firearms and weapons are not permitted to be brought into the building and appropriate lockers shall be provided for all individuals to check the individual's firearms and/or weapons.
- 4. Law Enforcement Officers shall be permitted to possess firearms and other weapons while carrying out official duties in any Court building. Law Enforcement Officers are not permitted to possess firearms in Court buildings if not carrying out official duties.
- Judges and Magisterial District Judges are authorized to have firearms and other weapons in any Court building.
- 6. Any County Detective is authorized to have firearms and other weapons in any Court building.
- 7. A Law Enforcement Officer during any trial before the Court of Common Pleas must appear in plain clothes/civilian attire and must conceal any firearm from the Court, jury and/or witnesses. Said concealment must clearly hide from the Court, jury and/or witnesses that the Law Enforcement Officer has a concealed firearm on his/her person. It is imperative that no firearm be visible at any trial.

- 8. The term Law Enforcement Officer shall include federal, state and local law enforcement officers, County Sheriffs and lawful deputies, and state and/or county probation and parole officers, but does not include constables.
- 9. Constables shall be permitted to carry firearms and other weapons while carrying out official duties at any Magisterial District Court Building, but not at the Courthouse or Garden Building. Constables are not permitted to possess firearms or other weapons at any Magisterial District Court Building if not carrying out official duties.
- 10. The Office of Sheriff of Clinton County shall issue identification to Law Enforcement Officers that clearly indicates that the individual is a Law Enforcement Officer and is carrying a firearm. All local Law Enforcement Officers must obtain this identification at the Office of Sheriff. If a local Law Enforcement Officer does not display the Sheriff issued identification, the Law Enforcement Officer will be prohibited from possessing a firearm in any Court building.
- 11. All non-local Law Enforcement Officers must obtain an identification from the Office of Sheriff to possess a firearm in any Court building.
- 12. Law Enforcement Officers must openly display the identification issued by the Office of Sheriff to possess a firearm in any Court building.