

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

COURTROOM WEAPONS ORDER

It is the Court's responsibility to ensure the proper, safe, and orderly administration of justice throughout the Sixth Judicial District Court facilities, and

The Court has had in place a weapons policy for a number of years that prohibits firearms or other weapons from being taken into a courtroom or the environs of any other court facility within the District except under certain conditions described below,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all persons, except as provided in this Order, are prohibited from having weapons on their person or in their possession in Sixth Judicial District court facilities, regardless of whether or not they have a firearms permit. Firearms or other dangerous weapons as defined by M.S.A. 609.02 Subd. 6 shall not be brought into the courtrooms of this District or the halls or corridors adjoining the courtrooms without the specific authorization of the Court. Exceptions from this general rule are the following:

1. On-duty officers of the St-Louis, Carlton, Lake and Cook County, Sheriff's Office.
2. On-duty peace officers duly licensed by the state of Minnesota or United States Government.
3. Weapons that are to be used as an exhibit in an official proceeding may be taken into a courtroom or court facility only after they have been checked for safety by the applicable Sheriff's Office personnel.

"On Duty" is defined as officers appearing in the courthouse or courtrooms for the purpose of performing job duties consistent with the law enforcement business before the Court. "On Duty" does not include officers present in court as private parties, support persons, or providing testimony not required by their job duties.

Firearms and weapons lawfully carried or in the possession of law enforcement officers not excused by this policy must be checked with security personnel in the County Sheriff's Office of the applicable courthouse.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any persons entering a Sixth Judicial District courthouse complex may be subject to screening for weapons upon entry; anyone refusing to submit to such searches shall be refused admission; and,

Any person who fails to comply with this rule shall be subject to being in contempt of court and any appropriate sanctions.

All previous Orders pertaining to Courtroom Weapons are hereby rescinded.

BY THE COURT



Chief Judge Shaun R. Floerke

Dated this 22 day of October 2012