

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF
THE STATE OF IDAHO**

**In the Matter of Security for the
Adams, Gem, Owyhee, Payette and
Washington County Courthouses**

Administrative Order

2025-3

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code § 1-907 the Administrative Judge “shall have administrative supervision and authority over the operation of the district courts and magistrates in the district”, and

WHEREAS there has been a nationwide increase in threats to the judicial branch and to the employees of the judicial system including but not limited to courthouse staff, attorneys, and judges, and

WHEREAS these threats have also increased in the State of Idaho, and

WHEREAS it is necessary to empower local judges to enter appropriate orders affecting the various courthouses of the Third Judicial District to ensure the safety of courthouse personnel, to ensure the safety of members of the public who utilize the public services available in courthouses, and to maintain the safe and efficient operation of the justice system in the Third Judicial District of the State of Idaho, and

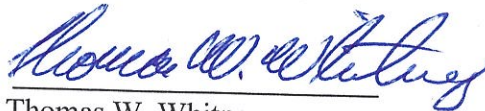
WHEREAS the Administrative Judge is authorized by Idaho Code § 1-907(k) to appoint “personnel when needed to attend to the courts” and to assign “duties to these court attendants for the purpose of maintaining the security and efficiency of court facilities”, and

WHEREAS the Administrative Judge is authorized by Idaho Code § 1-907(j) to assign to other “judges in the district various powers and duties as in this act provided”,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The presiding magistrate judge or district judge in any case pending in any of the above-enumerated counties may enter order(s) as set forth below to provide for appropriate security in the courthouse for the litigation of the case at issue.
2. Public access to the courthouse or a particular courtroom may be limited to a single, identified point of entry.
3. Persons entering the courthouse or a particular courtroom may be prohibited from bringing in weapons or other dangerous devices as set forth in Exhibit A, including dangerous devices similar to those enumerated in Exhibit A, unless an exception is set forth in the Idaho Code.
4. All persons entering the courthouse or a particular courtroom may be subject to reasonable searches of their persons and their bags, briefcases, purses, and similar items to ensure the exclusion of weapons and other dangerous devices as set forth in Exhibit A, including dangerous devices similar to those enumerated in Exhibit A.

Dated this 9 day of July 2025.



Thomas W. Whitney
Administrative District Judge
Third Judicial District

EXHIBIT A – PROHIBITED ITEMS

1. **Firearms, Projectile Weapons, and Related Objects**
 - a. firearms or similar devices that expel a projectile through the action of an explosive, including antique firearms
 - b. BB or pellet guns and compressed air guns
 - c. replica or toy firearms which reasonably could be confused with firearms by law enforcement personnel in the performance of their duties
 - d. spear guns, slingshots, flare guns, starter pistols, stun guns, cattle prods, dart-firing stun guns, and electric or electronic weapons
 - e. ammunition, shotgun shells or firearm cartridges, black powder, smokeless propellant powder, and fireworks
2. **Bladed, Edged, or Sharp Tools or Implements**
 - a. knives, sabers, swords, daggers, and other bladed devices
 - b. axes, hatchets, bows and arrows, ice axes, ice picks, martial arts throwing stars
3. **Club-like Items & Striking Devices**
 - a. clubs, bats, billy clubs, blackjacks, brass knuckles, night sticks
 - b. heavy chains in excess of 12 inches (jewelry exceptions may be made);
 - c. martial arts weapons, including nunchucks and kubatons
4. **Destructive Devices, Explosives, or Combustible Chemical Compounds & Mixtures**
 - a. explosives or any chemical compound or mixture that has a property of yielding readily to combustion or oxidation upon the application of heat, flame, or shock including but is not limited to blasting caps or detonators, dynamite, nitroglycerin, trinitrotoluene, and ammonium nitrate
 - b. hand grenades, mines, bombs, missiles, torches, and plastic explosives
 - c. explosive or expanding gases
 - d. flammable liquids such as gasoline, turpentine, and paint thinner
5. **Disabling Chemicals & Other Dangerous Items**
 - a. mace, pepper spray, bear spray, tear gas, or other chemical spray designed for self-defense
 - b. spillable lead-acid batteries except those in wheelchairs or similar devices used by a mobility impaired individual
 - c. spray paint
 - d. poisonous gases