VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, GENERAL DISTRICT COURT AND JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT OF WARREN COUNTY

IN RE: PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED ACTIVITES IN THE WARREN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

ORDER

It appearing that certain procedures should be required for the orderly, safe and efficient dispatch of business before all of the Courts of Warren County and in all Clerks Offices and other public areas of the Courthouse, it is therefore ORDERED as follows:

1. **Illegal substances, explosive devices, weapons and dangerous objects.**

No illegal substances, explosive devices or materials, defensive or offensive weapons, (including but not limited to those items listed in Virginia Code Ann. §18.2-308) or potentially dangerous objects shall be brought into the Courthouse. All such objects are subject to seizure and forfeiture. Court security officers and sworn law enforcement officers in uniform are exempted from this prohibition with respect to those items required of such officers in the discharge of their duties. Court security officers and sworn law enforcement officers may carry their officially issued weapons into the Courthouse.

2. **Search and Seizure.**

Upon entering the Courthouse, all persons, without exception shall submit to either an electronic search, a physical "pat down" or both, of his or her person at the request of and in the discretion of any court security officer. All persons, without exception, also shall exhibit to such officers the contents of any parcel, handbag, carrying case, or container of whatever nature and such items shall be subject to an electronic and

physical search at the request of and in the discretion of any court security officer. After entry and an initial search as described above, if there develops an articulable and reasonable suspicion that an item not permitted in the Courthouse is in the possession of an individual or contained in a parcel or any other container, such person or parcel or container also shall be subject to the above-described searches while in any area of the Courthouse.

3. **Smoke Free Building.**

Smoking is prohibited in all areas of the Courthouse.

4. **Photography, audio, or video recordings, etc.**

Unless specifically authorized by a judge, no photographs, audio recordings or video recordings or any electronic transmission of image shall be made in the Courthouse. All devices or associated equipment for these purposes are not permitted in the Courthouse.

5. **Telephones and Pagers.**

Cellular telephones and other electronic devices will be turned off and will not be used in the Courtrooms. A failure to comply with this directive may result in seizure and forfeiture of such devices.

6. **Food and Beverages.**

Food and beverages are not permitted in the courtrooms.

7. **Copies to be Posted.**

Copies of this Order shall be posted at the entrances of the Courthouse.

8. **Prior Orders.**

This Order supersedes the prior Orders of the Courts with respect to such matters.

9. **Effective date.**

This Order is effective commencing on July 1, 2010.

ENTERED: JUL 0 1 2010

Dennis L. Hupp, Judge

W. Dale Houff, Judge

William W. Sharp, Judge