

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF HENRICO**AMENDED STANDING ORDER CONCERNING POSSESSION AND
USE OF CELL PHONES AND OTHER PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 16.1-69.35:4 and 17.1-128.2, visitors to the L.A. Harris, Jr. Courts Building ("Courts Building") are allowed to possess portable electronic devices in the Courts Building and courtroom under certain conditions and restrictions determined by the Chief Judge of the Henrico Circuit Court in order to maintain safety, security, proper behavior, order, and the administration of justice. This order does not authorize or permit any courthouse personnel to search or access any data on the portable electronic device of a visitor to the Courts Building, including during any security screening.

Definitions

Portable electronic device means (1) a personal laptop (2) a tablet (3) a mobile telephone, including a cell phone and any telephone with a camera, audio and video recording capabilities, and transmission capabilities (4) an electronic calendar (5) an electronic book reader (6) a smart watch or (7) any other electronic personal communication device. Portable electronic devices do not include cameras, video cameras, video or audio recording equipment, or recording devices that are not otherwise components of portable electronic devices.

Visitor to the court means a member of the public who is not an active or retired judge, a magistrate, an attorney-at-law who possesses and presents a valid state bar identification card, a law-enforcement officer, court security officer, probation officer who possesses and presents proper credentials and is performing official duties, a state or local agency employee who performing official duties, a court reporter during the course of his official duties within the courthouse, and any other individual who has been authorized to possess a portable electronic device in the court upon a determination by the Henrico County Sheriff that such individual's possession of a portable electronic device does not pose a security risk or threat and that access to such

portable electronic device is necessary for conducting such individual's work or business in the court.

Upon entry into the Court's Building, the Sheriff's Office shall conduct a security screening of the portable electronic device and require the visitor to power it off. The deputy sheriff shall place smaller personal electronic devices such as cell phones, smartwatches and non-prescription smart glasses, etc. into a locked security pouch (the "Pouch") which shall remain locked throughout the visit unless authorization is given by the Sheriff's Office, a District Court Judge or a Circuit Court Judge. Larger personal electronic devices which do not fit into the Pouch shall be powered off by the visitor and shall remain off unless authorization is given by the Sheriff's Office, a District Court Judge or Circuit Court Judge.

Visitors needing to use portable electronic devices for medical purposes must inform a deputy sheriff at the security scanner, who will then obtain permission from a District Court Judge or a Circuit Court Judge. Such visitors are still required to adhere to this order concerning any other usage.

Visitors may wear prescription smart glasses and smart readers glasses to aid vision only. However, the electronic functions, including but not limited to making phone calls, recording, photography, transmission of live video or audio streaming, playing music, etc. shall be powered off and remain off until the visitor exits the Courts Building.

A visitor may use the portable electronic device in the courtroom to present evidence in a case only with express permission from the presiding Judge. The visitor shall notify a deputy sheriff upon entry into the courtroom of the request. Upon approval and at the appropriate time, the Pouch shall be unlocked by a deputy sheriff and the portable electronic device will be used to present evidence in court. Upon completion, a deputy sheriff will direct the visitor to power off the portable electronic device and place it back into the Pouch. When ready to exit the Court Building, the visitor shall report to the security scanner where a deputy sheriff will unlock the Pouch

and return the portable electronic device to the visitor. The portable electronic device shall remain powered off until the visitor exits the Courts Building.

A visitor requesting to use the portable electronic device while in the Courts Building shall report to one of the marked designated areas and notify a deputy sheriff of the request. The deputy sheriff will unlock the Pouch and allow the visitor to use the portable electronic device in a professional and respectful manner to not cause any disturbances and on the conditioned upon compliance with this order. No portable electronic device shall be used in "speaker mode" to be audible to others in the area. When finished, the visitor shall notify the deputy sheriff who will return the portable electronic device to the Pouch. When ready to exit the Courts Building, the visitor shall report to the security scanner where a deputy sheriff will unlock the Pouch and return the portable electronic device to the visitor. The portable electronic device shall remain powered off until the visitor exits the Courts Building.

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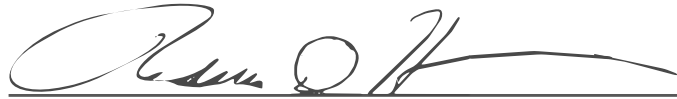
Pursuant to Virginia Code §17.1-128.2(E), any portable electronic device used in violation of this order or related court order may be confiscated and the court or Henrico County Sheriff's Office shall not be liable for any damage to or loss of such confiscated portable electronic device.

Pursuant to Virginia Code §17.1-128.2(F), any use of a portable electronic device in the courthouse or courtrooms used in violation of this order to take photographs, make audio or video recordings, or transmit live audio or video streaming shall be prohibited except with prior written authorization by a Judge of the Circuit Court.

Visitors engaged in intentional destruction of property or theft associated with the enforcement of this order may face prosecution.

The Chief Judge of the Circuit Court shall bear ultimate responsibility for all determinations made pursuant to this policy and order. The Henrico County Sheriff is authorized to enforce the policy and this order as provided by law, including confiscating any device used in violation. Violators may be held in contempt at the discretion of the Chief Judge of the District Court and the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court.

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Rondelle D. Herman, Chief Judge
of the Henrico Circuit Court