

BENTON & FRANKLIN COUNTIES SUPERIOR COURT
JUDICIAL RESOLUTION NO. 23-004
RESCINDING JUDICIAL RESOLUTION 21-001
AUTHORIZING BAILIFFS TO CARRY
FIREARMS IN COURT FACILITIES

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2021, the Court adopted Judicial Resolution 21-001, exercising its inherent authority, under RCW 9.41.300(7)(c) and 9.41.300(9), to authorize bailiffs employed by the Court to carry firearms in court facilities, which included the Benton County Courthouse, Benton County Justice Center, the Benton/Franklin Counties Juvenile Justice Center and Franklin County Courthouse;

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2021, the Benton County Sheriff administered, to Superior Court Bailiffs, an Appointment of Bailiff and Oath of Office pursuant to RCW 36.28.010(2) and (5), to be in full force and effect until revoked by the Sheriff of Benton County;

WHEREAS, this union with the Benton County Sheriff allowed for the Superior Court Bailiffs to carry firearms and tasers in the Superior Court Courtrooms;

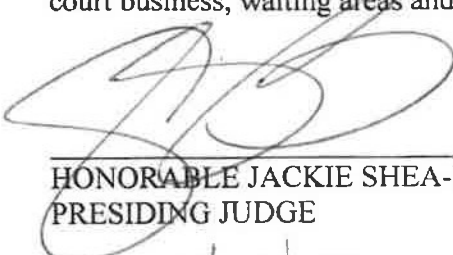
WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office took on the responsibility of ensuring the Superior Court Bailiffs were annually trained and qualified with their firearms and tasers;

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2023, the Benton County Sheriff advised he would be revoking his Appointment of Bailiff and Oath of Office, effective December 1, 2023. See Exhibit A attached hereto;

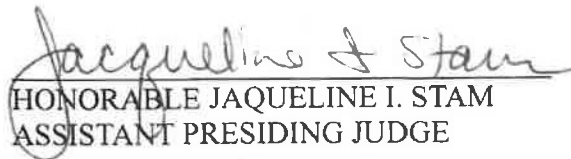
WHEREAS, the Superior Court relied on the Benton County Sheriff's Appointment of Bailiff and Oath of Office, as well as the training provided by the Benton County Sheriff's Office, when adopting Judicial Resolution 21-001 Authorizing Bailiffs to Carry Firearms in Court Facilities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective December 1, 2023, the Court rescinds Judicial Resolution 21-001, removing all previous authorizations for bailiffs employed by the Court to carry firearms in court facilities, which includes the Benton County Courthouse, Benton County Justice Center, the Benton/Franklin Counties Juvenile Justice Center and Franklin County Courthouse.

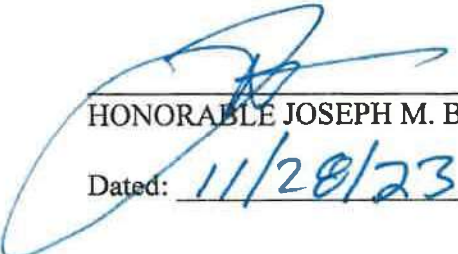
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Court recognizes and enforces RCW 9.41.300 and 9.41.305, whereas weapons are prohibited in any building which are used in connection with court proceedings, including courtrooms, jury rooms, judge's chambers, offices and areas used to conduct court business, waiting areas and corridors adjacent to areas used in connection with court proceedings.


HONORABLE JACKIE SHEA-BROWN
PRESIDING JUDGE

Dated: 11/28/23


HONORABLE JAQUELINE I. STAM
ASSISTANT PRESIDING JUDGE

Dated: 11-28-2023



HONORABLE JOSEPH M. BURROWES

Dated: 11/28/23



HONORABLE DIANA N. RUFF

Dated: 11-28-23

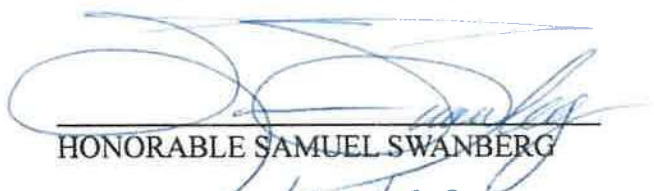


HONORABLE DAVID L. PETERSEN

Dated: 11/28/2023

approved via Webex per J. Stan
HONORABLE NORMA RODRIGUEZ

Dated: 11-28-2023



HONORABLE SAMUEL SWANBERG

Dated: 11/29/23

Tiffany Runge

From: Tom Croskrey
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 10:04 AM
To: Tiffany Runge
Cc: Joseph Burrowes; Jeffrey Aultman; Jon Law
Subject: Bailiff Commission

Tiffany,

This email serves as official notification that as of December 1st of 2023 the commission cards that the Benton County Sheriff's Office provides for the limited commission of the Benton County Bailiffs will be revoked. As you know this decision was not an easy decision for me. I know that the bailiffs provide a valuable service to the Superior Courts of Benton County but with the recent changes to Washington State Law this is something that needs to be done.

I know that we have had discussions about this topic but wanted to provide you with written documentation in case that you need it for your records.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Tom Croskrey



Sheriff Tom Croskrey

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EXHIBIT A