

IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING

October Term, A.D. 2008

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF
A POLICY REGARDING WEAPONS IN
THE WYOMING SUPREME COURT**

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JUDY PACHECO, CLERK

Cecile Thompson
by CHIEF DEPUTY

**ORDER ESTABLISHING POLICY REGARDING WEAPONS
IN THE WYOMING SUPREME COURT**

This matter came before the Court upon its own motion. This Court finds it should adopt a policy regarding dangerous weapons on the Wyoming Supreme Court's premises. Therefore, effective immediately, this Court adopts the following weapons policy:

1. No dangerous weapon may be carried on the Wyoming Supreme Court's premises, except as provided in this order. Wyoming Supreme Court Security Officers and Wyoming Highway Patrol Troopers, when acting as Supreme Court Security Officers, are authorized to request that any persons carrying a dangerous weapon on the Supreme Court's premises relinquish the weapon. The weapon will be secured at the Court Security Office then returned to the person when he/she leaves the Supreme Court's premises, unless the Court Security Officer or Trooper to whom the weapon was relinquished determines that other law enforcement personnel should be involved. If a person carrying a dangerous weapon refuses to relinquish the weapon, he/she shall be denied access to the Supreme Court premises.
2. As used in this policy, "dangerous weapon" means a firearm, explosive, incendiary material, or any other implement or device capable of being used as a deadly weapon, where such implement or device has no reasonable use related to the conduct of government business. Ordinary pocket knives, not exceeding six inches in overall length when open, are not considered a dangerous weapon under this rule.
3. Nothing in this policy prohibits the carrying of weapons on the Supreme Court premises by Peace Officers, as defined and authorized by Wyoming Statutes, who are acting in an official capacity and who are not

parties to a case currently before the Court. Peace Officers entering the Supreme Court Building shall disclose to Court Security Officers or Troopers acting as Court Security Officers, that they are carrying a weapon or weapons into the facility.

4. Exceptions to this policy may be granted on an individual basis by the Court Security Officer, with the prior concurrence of the Court.

DATED this 30th day of December, 2008.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Barton R. Voigt", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

BARTON R. VOIGT
Chief Justice