# In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

# RE: IDAHO SUPREME COURT ) GROUNDS SECURITY )

ORDER May 20, 2021

The Idaho Supreme Court possesses the inherent constitutional power and authority to regulate security in state court facilities in order to carry out its proper constitutional function of administering and supervising the state judicial system. The Court finds that a high level of safety maintained in and around the Idaho State Supreme Court Building to ensure the efficient and safe operation of public business is in the best interests of the general public, judicial officials, and court personnel. In addition, reasonable public access to the Idaho Supreme Court building and associated grounds is a high priority.

Further, Idaho Code section 67-1605, places responsibility for law enforcement at the Supreme Court building with the director of the Idaho State Police. In addition, section 67-2901 states that the Idaho State Police shall provide security and protection for the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals while they are in session and at their place of work, as the Chief Justice and director of the Idaho State Police deem necessary. The Idaho State Police have assigned troopers to the Idaho Supreme Court in order to provide the requisite security services. This order states the policy of the Idaho Supreme Court in regard to the provisions of those services.

- 1. For purposes of this order,
  - a. "Idaho Supreme Court grounds" includes all property and features surrounding the Idaho Supreme Court Building which are utilized for Idaho Supreme Court proceedings or business and incorporate the entirety of the footprint of such grounds including exterior space such as walkways, steps, courtyards, plazas, parking lots, lawns, and landscaped areas;
  - b. Idaho Supreme Court Security Personnel means Idaho State Police troopers assigned, whether permanently or temporarily, to provide security services to the Idaho Supreme Court grounds.
- 2. All use of the Idaho Supreme Court grounds shall comply with applicable law including, but not limited to, fire, health and safety codes.
- 3. In the absence of permission from the Chief Justice or Administrative Director of Courts, no item, including tables, chairs, exhibits, equipment, materials, and displays shall be located so as to block ingress or egress to any portion of the Idaho Supreme Court building, or to restrict the flow of individuals using the facility, or to restrict emergency egress or ingress.
- 4. Posters, placards, banners, signs, and displays, including any printed materials, shall not be affixed on any surface of the Idaho Supreme Court building in a public area or on any exhibit or commemorative installation, post, railing, fence or landscaping, including

trees. All other posters, placards, banners, signs, and displays must be free-standing or supported by individuals. No items may be leaned or propped against any surface of the Idaho Supreme Court building or embedded into the ground including, but not limited to, placement of a stake, post or rod into the ground to support materials. Idaho Supreme Court Security Personnel may remove any posters, placards, banners, signs, and displays, including any printed materials, affixed, leaned, or propped in violation of this order.

# 5. Idaho Supreme Court Security Personnel shall:

- a. follow and adhere to the policy directions of the Idaho Supreme Court as directed by the Administrative Director of Courts;
- b. screen all persons entering the Idaho Supreme Court building's first floor lobby subject to the terms in paragraph 8;
- c. respond to any calls for security assistance within the Idaho Supreme Court grounds;
- d. provide security for a justice or judge when requested;
- e. conduct regular patrols of the Idaho Supreme Court grounds;
- f. confiscate any prohibited items found on the Idaho Supreme Court grounds;
- g. monitor the Idaho Supreme Court facility surveillance cameras;
- h. arrest any persons with outstanding arrest warrants unless otherwise directed by a justice or judge;
- i. arrest any persons in accordance with Idaho law;
- j. escort from the premises any persons engaging in loud or disruptive conduct within the Supreme Court building;
- 6. An Idaho Supreme Court Justice, Court of Appeals Judge, or the Administrative Director of Courts is authorized to request that Law Enforcement remove or exclude any person from the Idaho Supreme Court grounds who engages in any of the following:
  - a. violation of law where such violation interferes with court proceedings or court business, injures persons or property, or is likely to injure persons or property; or
  - b. the justice, judge, or director has requested compliance with the applicable law and the person has refused to comply;
  - c. engaging in a riot, unlawful gathering or a gathering designed to impede court business;
  - d. interfering with access to the Idaho Supreme Court building by blocking fire hydrants, fire or emergency vehicle lanes, vehicular drives, pedestrian walkways, doorways, steps, or similar access routes through, in, or out of the building.
- 7. All employees of the Idaho Supreme Court with an assigned work area or office in the Supreme Court building may utilize employee entrances to the building. Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, and the Administrative Director of

Courts may also escort non-employees through employee entrances. For purposes of this order, employee entrances are any entrances to the building other than the door immediately leading to the first-floor lobby.

- 8. All persons not authorized to utilize an employee entrance shall enter the Idaho Supreme Court building through the first floor lobby and shall be subject to screening for prohibited items unless the person:
  - a. is Idaho Supreme Court Security Personnel;
  - b. is a commissioned Idaho State Police officer, Boise Police officer, or Ada County Sheriff's Office officer in possession of a badge and commission identification;
  - c. is, or is personally escorted by, a Supreme Court Justice, Court of Appeals Judge, or the Administrative Director of Courts;
  - d. is identified as a senior justice, senior judge, or judge that is either hearing cases or conferencing with the Idaho Supreme Court or Idaho Court of Appeals that day;
  - e. is authorized by the Chief Justice to enter without screening.
- 9. To enhance security and public safety, Idaho Supreme Court Security Personnel shall inspect packages, backpacks, purses, bags, briefcases, or other containers capable of concealing prohibited or controlled items in the possession of any person screened while entering the Idaho Supreme Court building's first floor lobby.
- 10. The following prohibited items are not permitted on the Idaho Supreme Court grounds and may be confiscated by Idaho Supreme Court Security Personnel if brought onto Idaho Supreme Court grounds:
  - a. firearms and projectile weapons as defined in Attachment A to this order;
  - b. bladed, edged, or sharp tools or implements as defined in Attachment A to this order;
  - c. club-like items and striking devices as defined in Attachment A to this order;
  - d. destructive devices, explosives, or combustible chemical compounds and mixtures as defined in Attachment A to this order;
  - e. disabling chemicals and other dangerous items as defined in Attachment A to this order.
- 11. The Idaho State Police shall have discretion to permit the carrying or use of Controlled Items, as defined in Attachment B to this order, on the Idaho Supreme Court grounds by court personnel or by others for construction and building projects which are recognized and approved by the Supreme Court Building Maintenance Supervisor.

12. In case of a fire, bomb threat, utility malfunction, structural failure or other unforeseen emergency or threat endangering public safety or health, or endangering public property, Idaho Supreme Court Security Personnel may direct all persons off of or out of Idaho Supreme Court grounds and delay or postpone any activity until the emergency or threat is abated.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

Ch.

G. Richard Bevan, Chief Justice, Idaho Supreme Court

ATTEST: Clerk

### **ATTACHMENT A – PROHIBITED ITEMS**

### **Definition of Firearms and Dangerous Weapons**

The definition of prohibited items includes, but is not limited to:

#### 1. Firearms & Projectile Weapons

- a. Firearms or similar devices that expels a projectile through the action of an explosive;
- b. BB or pellet guns;
- c. Compressed air guns;
- d. Antique firearms;
- e. Flare guns;
- f. Realistic replica or toy firearms;
- g. Spear guns;
- h. Starter pistols;
- i. Stun guns, cattle prods, dart-firing stun guns, and other electric weapons or controlled devices;
- j. Ammunition, shotgun shells or firearm cartridges, black powder, smokeless propellant powder;
- k. Slingshots;

#### 2. Bladed, Edged, or Sharp Tools or Implements

- a. Axes and hatchets;
- b. Bows and arrows;
- c. Ice axes/ice picks;
- d. Throwing stars (martial arts);
- e. Any knives, sabers, swords, daggers, and other bladed devices;

#### 3. Club-like Items and Striking Devices

- a. Billy clubs;
- b. Blackjacks;
- c. Brass knuckles;
- d. Chains in excess of 12 inches (Jewelry exceptions can be made);
- e. Night sticks;
- f. Martial arts weapons, including nunchucks and kubatons;

# 4. <u>Destructive Devices, Explosives, or Combustible Chemical Compounds and</u> <u>Mixtures</u>

- a. The list of destructive devices, 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 includes, but is not limited to:
  - i. Blasting caps or detonators;
  - ii. Dynamite, nitroglycerin, trinitrotoluene, ammonium nitrate, and others;

- iii. Fireworks;
- iv. Gunpowder;
- v. Hand grenades, mine, bomb, rocket, missile, pipe bomb, plastic explosives;
- vi. Realistic replicas of explosives or similar devices;
- vii. Explosive or expanding gases;
- viii. Gas torches;
- ix. Flammable liquids (i.e., gasoline, turpentine, and paint thinner);

### 5. Disabling Chemicals and Other Dangerous Items

- a. Mace, pepper spray, bear spray, tear gas, or other chemical spray designed for self-defense;
- b. Spillable batteries, except those in wheel chairs or similar devices used by a mobility impaired individual;
- c. Spray paint;
- d. Poisonous gases.

## **ATTACHMENT B – CONTROLLED ITEMS**

#### **Definition of Controlled Items**

The definition of Controlled Items includes, but is not limited to:

1. <u>Tools of the Trade.</u> Tools of the trade include any item required for a person to do his or her job, such as hand tools for maintenance and construction or a chef's knife for a caterer, etc. A non-exclusive list includes items such as:

#### a. Bladed, Edged, or Sharp weapons

- i. Saws, including cordless portable power saws;
- ii. Scissors, metal with pointed tips;
- iii. Screw drivers (except those in eyeglass repair kits);
- iv. Drills, including portable power drills; and
- v. Tools including, but not limited to, wrenches, pliers, and folding, multipurpose utility tools, etc.
- vi. Nail guns, etc.

# b. Club-like Items and Striking Devices

- i. Hammers,
- ii. Crowbar, and
- iii. Ratchets.

# c. <u>Destructive Devices, Explosives, or Combustible Chemical Compounds and</u> <u>Mixtures</u>

- i. The list of destructive devices, 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 includes, but is not limited to:
  - 1. Flares;
  - 2. Gasoline, and
  - 3. Aerosol sprays.

#### d. Disabling Chemicals and Other Dangerous Items

- i. Chlorine and bleach;
- ii. Compressed gas cylinders, including fire extinguishers; and
- iii. Toxic industrial chemicals and/or materials.

#### 2. Sporting Equipment

- a. Sporting equipment consists of items used in the practice of, or participation in, certain physical activities, games, or sports, including but not limited to:
  - i. Baseball bats;
  - ii. Golf clubs;

- iii. Hockey sticks;
- iv. Lacrosse sticks;
- v. Pool cues, and
- vi. Ski poles