

**IN THE  
CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY  
Administrative Order No. 2025-36**

**WHEREAS** the safety of all people who enter the Clarence Mitchell Courthouse, the Elijah E. Cummings Courthouse, the Juvenile Justice Center, and any building temporarily used as a Court facility (hereinafter referred to as “Court facilities”), including staff and visitors, is of paramount importance; and

**WHEREAS** increasing levels of violence, including toward members of the judiciary, have heightened the importance of following best practices in security for sensitive places like courthouses; it is on this 31st day of March, 2025, pursuant to Maryland Rules 16-104(b) and 16-105(b), hereby

**ORDERED** that:

- (1) All individuals who enter Court facilities during normal business hours, regardless of the entrance used, shall be subject to facilities access protocols established by the Court and the Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office. Individuals who do not comply with screening protocols shall be denied entrance to all Court facilities.
- (2) The Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office shall coordinate with the Clerk of the Court and the Jury Commissioner to ensure that adequate security personnel are assigned to each of the Court facilities, based on expected volume of visitors, so that security screening does not unduly delay entrance to the buildings.
- (3) Firearms or other weapons of any kind are not permitted within Court facilities unless carried by Baltimore City Sheriff’s Deputies or law enforcement officers entering the building in performance of their official duties. Any weapons identified during screening or at any other time, except those carried by a law enforcement officer in the exercise of their official duties, shall be impounded and retained for use as evidence, and may be forfeited, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of in accordance with law. Any person unlawfully carrying weapons within a Court facility is subject to criminal prosecution.

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/s/  
Audrey J.S. Carrión, Administrative Judge  
Circuit Court for Baltimore City

cc:

All Judges and Magistrates, Circuit Court for Baltimore City  
Sheriff Sam Cogen, Baltimore City Sheriff's Office  
Major Spencer Giles, Baltimore City Sheriff's Office  
Xavier A. Conaway, Clerk, Circuit Court for Baltimore City  
Lionel Moore, Court Administrator