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HON. JOSEPH G. FABRIZIO
CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGE

Policy Regarding the Use of Portable Electronic Devices

Effective immediately, pursuant to MCR 8.115, this policy governs the use of portable electronic devices on the premises of the 52nd District Courts.

"Portable electronic devices" include any mobile device capable of electronically storing, accessing, or transmitting information. This encompasses portable computers of all description, smart phones and cell phones, tablets, notebooks, cameras and other audio or video recording devices of any kind, a personal digital assistant (PDA), or other devices that provide internet access, and any similar items.

"Courthouse" includes all areas within the exterior walls of a court building, including but not limited to all entry vestibules. "Courthouse" also includes the outside curtilage of a court building, all walkways to court building entrances, all designated nonpublic areas used by court staff (e.g., staff parking areas), and all areas where a judge conducts an event concerning a court case.

A "courtroom" includes the portion of a courthouse in which the actual proceedings take place.

1. Electronic communications devices must be turned off or set to silent mode prior to entering a courtroom. This includes attorneys.
2. No one, including attorneys, may make or take a phone call on an electronic portable device in a courtroom unless that use is specifically allowed by the judge presiding over that courtroom.
3. No one may use a portable electronic device to take photographs or for audio or video recording, broadcasting, or live streaming unless that use is specifically allowed by the judge presiding over that courtroom through a written Order. *Requests for film or electronic media coverage of court proceedings shall follow the procedure provided by Administrative Order 1989-1.*
4. No one may photograph, record, broadcast, or live stream any juror or anyone called to the court for jury service anywhere in the courthouse.

5. Jurors must turn off their portable electronic devices while present in a courtroom. Jurors may be required to surrender their electronic devices during deliberations. Use of portable electronic devices during deliberations is prohibited.
6. No one may use a portable electronic device to communicate in any way with any courtroom participant including, but not limited to, a party, police officer, attorney, witness, or juror at any time during any court proceeding.
7. In areas of the courthouse outside the courtroom, no one may photograph, record, broadcast, or live stream an individual without their express prior consent.
8. Court managers (judge, court administrator) and officers providing security for the 52nd District Courts may limit or terminate permission to use a portable electronic device if an individual engages in activities that are disruptive or distracting to court operations or compromise court security, or that is otherwise contrary to the administration of justice.
9. Failure to comply with this policy may result in a fine, including confiscation of the device, incarceration, or both for contempt of court.
10. Officers providing security for the 52nd District Courts may temporarily detain a person suspected of violating this Policy, and may seize any portable electronic devices found, for purposes of investigating and enforcing this Policy.

Dated: 2/11/2022



Honorable Joseph Fabrizio, Chief Judge 52nd District Court