

**2018 AMENDMENTS TO COURT SECURITY PLAN
FOR BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

WHEREAS, the Alabama Supreme Court has, pursuant to Rule 37, Alabama Rules of Judicial Administration, issued an order implementing a “Trial Court Security Plan”,

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate for the safety and protection of court personnel, litigants, attorneys, witnesses, jurors and the general public to regulate the possession of weapons, destructive or dangerous materials and recording devices within the court facilities of Baldwin County, Alabama,

WHEREAS, court security is the joint effort of law enforcement, the County Commission and the judiciary,

WHEREAS, the goal of court security is to prevent or control problems that might arise in courthouses such as verbal abuse, disorderly conduct, physical violence, demonstrations, theft, fire bomb threats, sabotage, prisoner escapes, kidnapping, assassinations, stalking, and hostage situations;

WHEREAS, the current Courthouse Security Committee being composed of the following:

Presiding Circuit Judge: Scott P. Taylor
Presiding District Judge: Michelle M. Thomason
Probate Judge: Tim Russell
District Attorney: Robert E. Wilters
Circuit Clerk: Jody Wise Campbell
Sheriff: Huey Hoss Mack

The committee having met on August 30, 2018, and having considered amendments to the November 28, 2000, Court Security Plan for Baldwin County, Alabama,

IT IS HEREBY, ORDERED, that the November, 28, 2000, Court Security Plan for Baldwin County, Alabama is amended to add the following:

That any person making an audio and/or video recordings within any Baldwin County courtroom or of jurors in any secure area of any Baldwin County Courthouse, shall be subject to the contempt powers of the Court, however, an individual Judge may authorize recording of their proceedings at their discretion, but, in no event may those recordings include recording of jurors;

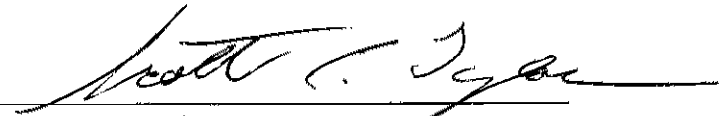
That any person possessing a **cell phone, audio or video recording device, hat or food**, shall be denied entry to a secure facility, however, the exclusions listed in this paragraph shall **not** apply to **Court or County Personnel with proper identification, Attorneys with court identification issued by the Sheriff of Baldwin County, on duty Law Enforcement with proper agency identification, and Jurors with proper documentation, or as authorized from time to time by the Presiding Circuit Judge;**

That any person falling within the exclusions in the preceding paragraph shall remain prohibited from making audio or video recordings within the courtroom, of any juror, or as otherwise prohibited by law;

That all other prior orders shall remain in full force and effect; and

That these amendments shall be effective October 15, 2018.

DONE this the 12th day of October, 2018



Scott P. Taylor
Presiding Circuit Judge
Baldwin County, Alabama