

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS MEDIA RELEASE		NEWS RELEASE NUMBER 2017-084
INFORMATION: PROHIBITED ITEMS AT COURT HOUSE		
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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 23, 2017 DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS AND RECENT BUDGET CUTS, BAGS OF ANY TYPE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED INTO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY COURTHOUSE. CERTAIN TYPES OF BAGS MAY BE ALLOWED THAT HOLD MEDICAL SUPPLIES, DIAPER BAGS, ETC. AND WILL BE EVALUATED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

SOMEONE THAT ARRIVES TO ONE OF THE COURT BUILDINGS WITH A PROHIBITED BAG WILL NOT BE ALLOWED INTO THE COURTHOUSE WITH THAT BAG. WE WILL NOT PROVIDE A PLACE TO STORE THE BAG WHILE SOMEONE IS IN COURT.

LONGER LINES AT THE SCANNERS CAN BE EXPECTED, SO PLEASE ARRIVE IN ENOUGH TIME TO GO THROUGH SCREENING. PROHIBITING BAGS SHOULD SPEED UP THIS PROCESS.

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PROHIBITED IN THE COURT BUILDINGS AND SHOULD BE LEFT AT HOME.

- **CROCHET/KNITTING NEEDLES**
- **FINGERNAIL FILES**
- **FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION**
- **FLASHLIGHTS OVER 3 INCHES**
- **FORKS**
- **HANDCUFF KEYS**
- **KNIVES**
- **LASER POINTERS**
- **LETTER OPENERS**
- **LOCKS**
- **MACE/PEPPER SPRAY**
- **METAL COMBS**
- **NAILS**
- **PLIERS**
- **POINTED CAN OPENERS**
- **RAZORS**
- **SCISSORS**
- **SCREWS**
- **SCREWDRIVERS**
- **WIRE CUTTERS**
- **WRENCHES**
- **AND ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT COURT HOUSE SECURITY FEELS WILL COMPROMISE THE SECURITY OR INTEGRITY OF THE COURTHOUSE.**

- : SHERIFF
- : CHIEF DEPUTY
- : DEPUTY CHIEF OF DETECTIVE BUREAU
- : DEPUTY CHIEF OF PATROL BUREAU
- : DEPUTY CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU
- : DEPUTY CHIEF OF SUPPORT SERVICES
- : SUPERINTENDENT OF CORRECTIONS
- : ACCREDITATION MANAGER
- : MACHESNEY PARK SECTION SUPERVISOR
- : FOREST PRESERVE SECTION SUPERVISOR
- : ESDA SECTION DIRECTOR
- : PATROL ROLL CALL BOOK
- : PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER
- : 1ST FLOOR BULLETIN BOARD
- : WEB SITE COORDINATOR

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SHERIFF GARY CARUANA

SUPERVISOR AUTHORIZING RELEASE

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