

OGEECHEE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BULLOCH
STATE OF GEORGIA

STANDING ORDER RE: COURTHOUSE SECURITY

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to the authority set forth in O.C.G.A. § 15-16-10 pertaining to the development and implementation of a comprehensive plan for the security of the Bulloch County Courthouse and the Bulloch County Judicial Annex, the following safety protocols shall be in effect effective May 18, 2023 as to the Bulloch County Judicial Annex:

All courtrooms shall remain locked to the public when not in use. Fifteen minutes prior to the beginning of each session of court, the courtroom to be used shall be unlocked by Bulloch County Sheriff Deputies. No exceptions shall be made unless prior written authorization is given to law enforcement by the assigned Judge.


The secure areas of the Bulloch County Judicial Annex shall be accessible by security pass key cards. Only personnel with physical offices located within the confines of the Bulloch County Judicial Annex shall receive and be authorized to use security pass key cards.

Attorneys and other necessary court personnel may access the jury rooms while court is in session, except when a jury is empaneled for trial. At all times, the doors leading from the jury rooms to the secured area where the Superior Court Judges' offices are located will remain locked and accessible only by security pass key card.

The Office of the District Attorney shall have access to the Grand Jury Room during Grand Jury Proceedings. The Office of the District Attorney shall abide by the policy and procedures set in place by the Bulloch County Sheriff's Office.

All other provisions of the Bulloch County Courthouse and Bulloch County Judicial Annex Security Plan not referenced above shall remain confidential pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-16-10.

SO ORDERED this 18 day of May, 2023.



E. GATES PEED, Chief Judge
Ogeechee Judicial Circuit