

DIRECTIVE RE: CANYON COUNTY COURT FACILITIES

Prior to the construction of the present Canyon County court facilities, the possibility of a mistrial was a constant concern. Jurors, when leaving the court room for deliberation or when particular motions were argued, were exposed to the general public in the corridors outside the courtroom.

With the newly constructed facilities, jurors are able to pass from the courtrooms to the corridor leading to the jury rooms and avoid contact with anyone other than court personnel. This arrangement has eliminated any opportunity for chance remarks from members of the public concerning the trial to be overheard by jurors. Too, the present physical arrangement of court facilities, limiting access to the corridor back of the courtrooms to authorized court personnel, makes for better security for court personnel, jurors and witnesses and eliminates the confusion normally found outside courtrooms when a trial generating public interest is being heard.

To preserve the security and quiet needed for the orderly operation of the courts and the calm deliberation required for jurors, the following regulations are to be strictly adhered to:

1. Only court personnel are allowed in the restricted corridor and other areas in back of the courtrooms in Caldwell.
2. Exceptions to the above may be made by a judge for specific instances.
3. Attorneys and probation officers are considered court personnel under this regulation so they may freely contact the judges in chambers on court business.
4. No cameras, still, movie or video, are allowed in the courtrooms or the restricted corridor and area back of the courtrooms except with the specific permission of the administrative district judge.

5. Prisoners will not be escorted thru the security area except with prior permission of the presiding judge.

6. Non-court personnel who wish to speak to a judge or the trial court administrator should contact the court clerks' office. A clerk will call the judge to see if he is available and, if so, the clerk will escort the visitor to the judge's chambers.

7. This directive is effective as of April 19, 1978 and shall remain in effect until further notice.

Dated this 18th day of April, 1978.

B. A. Krehler, Jr.
Trial Court Administrator

Approved by [Signature]
Administrative District Judge
3rd Judicial District