

A Message from DeKalb County Sheriff Thomas Brown

The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office recognizes our duty to serve and protect the citizens, and employees that work in and visit all DeKalb County Judicial Complexes. We perform this duty by providing a safe and secure environment for all.

In an effort to ensure that everyone who enters the courthouse is provided with optimal safety, each person who enters must go through a screening process. All firearms, mace, pepper gas and pocket knives, regardless of size are prohibited from all DeKalb County Judicial Complexes, and must be secured off site by all persons before entering the facility.

Possession of a license to carry a firearm under O.C.G.A. 16-11-129 or O.C.G.A. 43-38-10 does not permit the holders to bring weapons into the Court Complex. Any violation or attempt to bring a weapon into the facility will result in the arrest of the person making the attempt.

There will be times when long lines are unavoidable. While we make every effort to ensure this does not happen, there is no guaranteed way for us to control the volume of people seeking access to the facility at any given time. Many factors play a role into the number of people seeking entry, such as, jury selection, high profile cases, special hearings etc... If possible, please arrive early and show patience while our staff working at the security stations screens every visitor in order to spot any potential threats.

Fighting, loud boisterous talking, indecent behavior etc. may result in an arrest for violation of O.C.G.A. 16-11-139- Disorderly Conduct

Damaging, defacing or destroying any property under the auspices of the DeKalb County Judicial Complexes, whether inside or outside of the facility may result in an arrest for violation of O.C.G.A. 16-7-24 Interference with government property.

Any failure to comply with the lawful instructions of the deputies assigned to keep the Judicial Complexes safe may result in an arrest for violation of O.C.G.A. 16-10-24 Obstruction of Hindering Law Enforcement Officers.

As previously stated, The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office is committed to our duty to serve and protect the citizens, and employees that work in and visit all DeKalb County Judicial Complexes by providing a safe and secure environment for all.

If you need any assistance, The Sheriff's Office Court Division is located in Suite B120 in the basement level of the Decatur Courthouse located at 556 North McDonough St., Decatur, Ga. 30030. The Court Division Commander is Major Larry Tolbert. If you need to speak with a supervisor or require additional assistance from the Sheriff's Office please do not hesitate to contact us in person or by calling 404 371-7050.