

### **Headcovering screening policy for court:**

- (a) All individuals entering the courtroom are subject to screening by a combination of metal detector, pat down search and/or wand. Should any method of initial screening indicate a need for further search, the individual seeking entry to the Courtroom shall be advised of the procedures outlined by this policy. The individual shall then choose either to undergo further screening in accordance with this policy or to leave the courthouse; provided that where weapons or contraband are discovered on initial screening, such person may not choose to leave, but shall be detained under appropriate charges.
- (b) Head coverings are prohibited from the courtroom except in cases where the head covering is worn for medical or religious reasons. To the extent security requires a search of a person who wears a head covering for medical or religious reasons, initial screening by metal detector or wand may be performed by an officer of either gender. In the event a pat down search is indicated, the individual will be given the option of having the security officer at the metal detector perform the pat down or having a same gender officer called to the security gate to perform the pat down. If a security concern remains after pat down, the officer shall explain the procedure outlined in this section. The individual will be given the choice to leave the building or submit to the extra screening. Should the individual agree to the additional screening, the individual will be removed to a private area in the company of a same gender officer. Once in the private area, the same gender officer will ask the individual to remove his or her head covering so that the officer can inspect it fully. Once the search has determined no weapons or contraband exists, the individual is allowed to put his or her own head covering back on after the inspection is complete. At no time will the individual be required to have a head covering off while publicly visible or visible to people of the opposite gender.
- (c) With respect to individuals wearing a head covering for religious or medical reasons who have been arrested and/or detained, said individuals will only be required to remove their head coverings while they are in a private area under the supervision of an officer of the same gender, out of view of any people of the other gender, including officers of the other gender. At no time will the arrested or detained person be required to have a head covering off while publicly visible or visible to people of the opposite gender. After the head covering is searched, it shall be returned to the individual who will be allowed to replace it on his or her head for the remainder of the book-in procedure, provided that at all times, the individual's face is fully visible. Photographs will be taken with the head covering in place, again preserving a full face view. Upon completion of his or her book-in, the individual will be taken to a holding cell and allowed to wear his or her head covering. During transport, the individual will be allowed to wear his or her head covering. On delivery to the Douglas County Jail, the individual will be turned over to Sheriff's Deputies with the head covering in place.

(d) This policy applies to search of head coverings worn for medical or religious reasons only. Other police policies regarding searches pertain to all detained persons.