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SECTION 1: POLICY STATEMENT

By resolution of the Redding Rancheria Tribal Council, the Win-River Security Department will be responsible for providing staff to operate the metal detection equipment at the entrance to the Redding Rancheria Tribal Court. It is the intent of this program to provide a deterrent to acts of violence by keeping dangerous weapons and other unauthorized items out of the courtroom. The Security staff that operates the metal detection equipment will do so, to the best of their ability, to avoid any major inconvenience to staff and the public while in the performance of their respective duties.

SECTION 2: IMPLEMENTATION

The Security Department on or before June 19, 2013, will have in place trained employees to work at the entrance of the Tribal Court. Training for staff will be provided by the Office of the Administrator of Courts and the Security Department. The role of the Security staff will be to monitor walk-through magnetometers, x-ray imaging machines and hand wands to screen employees and the public for weapons and unauthorized items before allowing them access to the courtroom.

SECTION 3: STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES TO BE APPROVED BY WIN-RIVER RESORT & CASINO

Win-River Resort & Casino shall approve standard operating procedures consistent with the following protocol. (See SOP-SEC66-1)

Individuals entering the courtroom will be asked to empty their pockets of metal objects prior to their passing through the magnetometer. If they pass through successfully, they may retrieve their belongings and proceed. If they do not pass through successfully, they will have a second opportunity to remove any metal that may have set off the alarm and pass through again. People setting off the alarm the third time will be taken aside, and a hand-held screening device will be used to screen them. If they fail, they may be denied access to the courtroom. This will be at the sole discretion of the Security staff. At any time during this process, staff may use a hand wand to help in the detection of a metal object(s), and or any unauthorized material.

If the light bar on the magnetometer goes into the red, individuals entering the facility are subject to the above procedure, at the discretion of the Security staff.

Security staff will require that all hand bags, attaché cases, packages and boxes be sent through an x-ray imaging machine. The above shall not be considered as all inclusive, as the Security staff may require other item(s) be sent through the x-ray imaging machine as well.

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If any object(s) appear to be of an illegal nature, Security staff will deny access to the courtroom to the person(s) possessing those object(s) and notify the Court Administrator. If staff cannot prevent individual(s) from entering the courtroom without being screened, the Court Administrator will be notified. If the Court Administrator notifies Security staff of their inability to respond, staff will notify dispatch/911 for assistance.

SECTION 4: DANGEROUS WEAPONS/UNAUTHORIZED ITEMS

The following is a partial list of items people are not allowed to carry into the courtroom. Security staff will be authorized to use their discretion in disallowing items not included on this list:

- (a) guns, including pellet and BB guns
- (b) ammunition
- (c) explosives
- (d) electric weapons
- (e) martial arts weapons
- (f) knives
- (g) batons
- (h) brass knuckles
- (i) mace
- (j) pepper spray
- (k) handcuff keys (except for law enforcement/probation/parole personnel)

All items considered to be illegal will be confiscated, provided this can be done in a safe manner. Security and/or Supervising Staff will be notified and they will take possession of the confiscated item(s).

If people request entry with questionable, but not illegal, articles such as, but not limited to hammers, box cutters and utility cutters, they will be asked their destination and the purpose for bringing in the object.

People attempting to enter the courtroom with such unauthorized item(s) that are not considered to be illegal will have the following options:

- (a) Check the article(s) with the staff upon entering the courtroom and retrieve them upon exiting the courtroom; or
- (b) Return unauthorized item(s) to their personal vehicle and re-enter the courtroom.

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SECTION 5: PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Staff will be instructed to ensure that people with disabilities will be thoroughly screened while being sensitive to each person's condition.

People entering the courtroom will be asked to walk through a magnetometer. If this is not possible, a hand-held detector search will be conducted. If the person does not permit a hand-held detector search, they may be denied access to the courtroom. This will be at the sole discretion of the Security staff. Hand carried items will be screened using standard operating procedures. Service animals will be visually inspected.

SECTION 6: SPECIAL PROCEDURES

Strollers, Child Carriers and Wheelchairs:

People with any of the above will be screened by standard procedures. Children in this equipment will either walk through or be carried through the magnetometer by the person accompanying the child. The above physical search will apply to those individuals in wheelchairs as well. The physical search will be conducted by a staff person of the same gender, if possible.

Any and all packages, bags, etc. will be screened in accordance with standard operating procedures.

SECTION 7: DETECTION OF EXPLOSIVES/WEAPONS

If staff, while using the x-ray machine/magnetometer finds a potential weapon/explosive, the machine will be shut down immediately with the item in question being held inside the machine. The machine will not be restarted until approval is received by Security Supervisor/Manager. Security staff will request personnel to clear the lobby and notify the other respective departments in the immediate area to leave their work areas until such time as it is safe to return.

SECTION 8: WEAPONS/UNAUTHORIZED ITEMS TO BE TURNED IN

Weapon(s), ammunition and any other unauthorized item(s) that are going to be turned over to the Security Department will not be allowed beyond the lobby area. If a person approaches the metal detection station and states they have weapon(s) or what is considered an unauthorized item(s), they will be requested to remain in the lobby area.

The Security Department supervisory personnel will be called and informed that a person is in the lobby with item(s) to be turned in. They will come to the lobby to take possession of the item(s) from the individual(s).

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SECTION 9: INAPPROPRIATE STATEMENTS

If inappropriate statements pertaining to weapons, bombs, etc. are made by people entering the courtroom area, Security staff may call security supervisory staff.

SECTION 10: LOST AND FOUND

Item(s) left at the scanner will be held for a period of 90 days, after which time they may be discarded at the discretion of security supervisory staff.

This policy may be amended by the Tribal Council in accordance with Redding Rancheria Tribal practice.

Legislative History:

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