3-14/025.05 - Security Precautions for In-Custody Inmates

When inmates are allowed to sit at the counsel table with their attorney and other co-defendants who might be out on bail, security is weakened, and the following precautions shall be taken:

- Inspect the drawers and the underside of the table and chairs for the presence of concealed weapons or contraband before court convenes and during each recess.
- Have the inmate's attorney sit between the inmate and any other defendants.
- Whenever possible, the bailiff shall be in a position to see the inmate and the spectators at the same time.
- No items shall be passed to an inmate, not even by an attorney (public defender or private counsel), without permission from the judicial officer. (Refer to CSDM, 3-14/025.00 - Communicating with Persons in Custody)
- Place the inmate in a chair without wheels to hinder a possible escape attempt.