2-06/010.05 Search of County Inmates

Inmates from county jails shall be thoroughly searched as soon as practical on arrival at the court facility. Nonessential items which are brought from jail facilities may be taken from the inmate and returned to the inmate prior to boarding the transportation bus. Any contraband, weapons, or unauthorized items shall be confiscated and a Complaint Report (SH-R-49) relating to the circumstances shall be prepared by the searching personnel, if appropriate.

Contraband shall include, but not be limited to: tobacco products, liquor, pocket knives, lighters, ball point pens, metal combs, hair spray, paper clips, keys, belt buckles, necklaces, and all edibles, including chewing gum. Inmates shall not be in possession of paper clips, combs, razor blades, pencils, pens or any form of a marking device while in court holding facilities.

County inmates on “proper” status may be in possession of legal materials necessary for their case. The amount of material is limited to what they can carry. All proper materials shall be searched, but not read, in the presence of the inmate, and then returned to the inmate.