

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2015-02

It shall be the policy of the Seventh Judicial District that juvenile defendants who are in custody shall not appear in court for juvenile delinquency proceedings wearing physical restraints unless:

1. The Juvenile is currently housed in isolation because of dangerous behavior to self or others; or
2. The Juvenile is being held for a class 1 felony, a class 2 felony, escape or attempted escape; or
3. The Juvenile, while in custody for the present arrest or present sentence has made threats to harm others and has a current CJRA classification of high; or
4. The Sheriff's Office has provided to the court, and counsel for the Juvenile , information specific to the Juvenile as to why the Juvenile should be restrained; or
5. The lay out of the courtroom or the staffing of the Sheriff's Office present an unreasonable risk of escape or other security issue, the Sheriff's Office has provided the court and counsel specific information supporting the risk, and the counsel for the Juvenile has had the opportunity to be heard.


If any of the above conditions exist, the Juvenile shall appear in court in restraints deemed appropriate by the Sheriff's Office. If some reason exists to have the juvenile appear in court in restraints that is not listed above, the judge hearing the matter shall be notified by the sheriff prior to the juvenile's scheduled appearance so the judge may determine if the juvenile shall appear in court wearing physical restraints. Counsel shall be entitled to be heard at the outset of any proceeding concerning the issue of such restraint, whether prior notice has been provided or not.

Ultimately, the decision shall be within the sole discretion of the presiding judge.

The court shall use its best efforts to ensure that in-custody juveniles that will appear in court in restraints have their hearings scheduled at a time separate from other in-custody juveniles.

This policy does not preclude the Sheriff's Office from appropriately restraining juveniles during the transportation of juvenile defendants to and from the courthouses in the district.

Dated this 4th day of August, 2015.



Steven Patrick
Chief Judge, 7th Judicial District