

## Armed Courthouse Goer: Oops

Posted by DFO at 8:22 a.m. on March 5 Comments (5)

The woman accused of trying to bring a loaded gun into the Spokane County Courthouse said



she never meant to harm anyone and simply forgot she had the weapon with her. "I would never purposely take a weapon into a courthouse," said Stacey L. Atkins, 22. "That would just be dumb." Atkins was cited for two misdemeanors Thursday and released after security found the Bersa .380-caliber semi-automatic pistol in her purse as it passed through the X-ray machine on the north side of the courthouse/**Meghann Cuniff, SR. [More here.](#)** (2005 Kootenai County Courthouse file photo by Jesse Tinsley showing items confiscated during six-month period)

**Question: Have you ever accidentally carried a weapon of any sort (including a pocket knife) or contraband item through security, whether caught or not?**

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**Sisyphus on March 05 at 9:21 a.m.**

What is dumb is forgetting that you had a loaded weapon. She should lose her concealed weapons permit.

I have a running battle with security at the courthouse on whether my bike tool kit I carry in satchel constitutes a weapon for their purposes. It depends solely on the individual discretion of the particular guard.

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**Wes on March 05 at 9:45 a.m.**

Yes, twice at the airport. First incident, small Leatherman key chain knife. Confiscated without incident. Second incident my wife picked up a 22 cal. bullet in our driveway on our way out. We forgot about the bullet until our next flight. It was found in her purse by airport security. Big hassle thirty minutes of questioning, retrieved our luggage inspected it as well. Two weeks later received a letter from Homeland Security saying it better not happen again or else.

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**marmitetoasty** on **March 05 at 10:45 a.m.**

I took some British Speciality 'pork pies' 'stilton cheese' 'marmite' and various other edibles through doodle customs :) If I had ticked the boxes on the card they would of been confiscated and NO ONE was be taking me stilton from me..... and cos of the smell of it, it could be classed as a weapon :)

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**Herb Huseland** on **March 05 at 11:47 a.m.**

I think it is rather obvious when approaching a security post whether at an airport or courthouse, that weapons are not allowed. I suspect that if you display the gun so that the guard can keep it until you exit, there would be no charges involved. Terminally stupid is the words that crossed my mind when I saw the story. On the other hand, maybe she planned on shooting up a courtroom. I'd look carefully into why she was there.

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**fortboise** on **March 05 at 3:57 p.m.**

I traveled a lot on business before 2001, and part of my regular kit was a modest little Swiss Army knife. And I never checked bags.

There were metal detectors back then of course, and I'd put the knife in my roll-aboard, which went through the screening, and so on. No big deal.

Going through screening at Kansai (in Japan), I forgot and left the knife in my pants pocket, set off the alarm. The security guard looked at the offending implement and instructed me very seriously to keep that in my luggage. Ok, fine.

Those were different times back then.

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