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Dear Trial Court Security Committee members:

The following comments are provided re: Proposed General Rule - Trial Court Security. It makes good sense to move forward with this rule and I applaud the committee for its work.

1. Suggestion: Provide a generic incident report form as an attachment to the rule to assist courts in reporting incidents with useful detail.
2. Consider recommending that the Presiding Judge or a judge designated by the PJ act as chairperson of the local Court Security Committee.
3. I recommend that the Court Security Plans be specifically exempted from public disclosure rules to protect the integrity of the plan's content from potential counter security activities. At a minimum, I would recommend the following specific sections of the plan be exempt: (1) routine security operations; (3) physical layout of courthouse and escape routes; (4) Threat response plan; (5) Bomb Threat response plan; (6) Hostage response plan; (7) Weapons in court facility plan; (8) Active shooter response plan; (9) escape prisoner response plan; (10) High Risk trial plan; (11) Routine security operations plans; (12) Threat and Security incident response techniques; (13) Personal safety techniques; and (14) Responding to irate or abusive individuals. The details of these specific sections could provide an individual with key information to thwart the security measures and greatly increase the risk to the court community in any one of these situations.
4. Please consider specifically including on the list a plan for responding to suspicious substances, potentially under (e)(4) Threats.
5. Consider recommending in section (f) that drills be held annually on at least one of the plan sections listed in the Court Security Plan.

Thank-you for the opportunity to submit comments.

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