



IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF YUKON

PRACTICE DIRECTION
CP-15

Use of Restraints and Courtroom Screening

While peace officers may use their discretion about restraints while transporting prisoners and while in the cell area, no prisoner is to be brought into the courtroom with any form of restraint, including but not limited to handcuffs, shackles or waistchain, without the prior direction of the presiding judge. Peace officers seeking to use restraints with a prisoner shall advise the Sheriff before court commences of the restraints being sought and the reasons for them. The Sheriff will seek direction from the presiding judge.

The Sheriff's Unit is responsible for ensuring the security of the courtroom and the safety of court participants. Subject to the direction of the presiding judge, this may include implementing screening measures for witnesses or members of the public attending a proceeding.

Chief Judge K. Ruddy
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