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**WYOMING COURT
SECURITY COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT**

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September 1, 2024

TO: Chief Justice Kate Fox
Governor Mark Gordon
Joint Judiciary Interim Committee Members
Joint Appropriations Interim Committee Members

SUBJECT: Annual Report from the Court Security Commission as required by
Wyoming Court Security Act, W.S. § 5-11-101 et seq.

On behalf of the Court Security Commission (Commission), enclosed is the 2024 Court Security Commission Annual Report.

Over the past year, the Commission has been busy visiting courthouses across the state to raise awareness of court security issues. These visits include meetings with the county commissioners, facility tours, and discussions regarding overall security operations. The Commission also provided testimony to the Joint Judiciary Committee on April 25, 2023, in Sheridan. As a result of those efforts, the Wyoming Legislature passed legislation which amended the statutory definition of threat to include judges – those materials are attached for your convenience.

Although the Commission has not requested state funds for security purposes in the last four Biennia, the Commission has worked to secure other funds for court security projects across the state. Since 2018, the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security has granted court security funds for approximately 15 projects in 11 counties. While we will continue our efforts in this area, there have been significant decreases in available funds due to congressional budget cuts often resulting in far more requests for funding than money to support them.

The Commission will continue its important work and stands ready to answer any questions that may arise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JG Fenn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John G. Fenn
Justice

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**TO: JOINT JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
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**FROM: JOE HARTIGAN, SECURITY OPERATIONS MANAGER, WY SUPREME
COURT**

RE: COURT SECURITY INCIDENT REPORTS

DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

The Wyoming Court Security Commission (Commission), established by W.S. § 5-11-101 et seq., continues its work to enhance court security in Wyoming courthouses by partnering with the Court Security Management Committees (local committees) established by Wyoming Court Security Standard 2009-1.

As one of its main objectives, the Commission focuses its efforts on increasing awareness of potential court security situations and risks associated with courthouses across the state. To address this objective, the Commission adopted Standard 2014-1, Incident Reporting. On January 1, 2015, courts in Wyoming began submitting incident reports for security issues happening in their courthouses. As of July 1, 2024, there have been 623 incident reports submitted. Over this past fiscal year, there were 130 incident reports submitted, which is a 19% increase from the 109 reports submitted in the prior fiscal year, and a 106% increase from the 63 reports submitted two years ago. The incidents reported during the fiscal year 2024 include the following types of security events:

- 36 Disorderly conduct reports
- 16 Verbal threat reports
- 8 Medical emergency reports
- 8 Bomb threat reports
- 6 Written threat reports
- 2 Physical Assault reports
- 1 Drugs/ Contraband report
- 1 Attempt to bring in firearm report; and
- 52 Other reports of the following incident type: arrest / take into custody; disturbance; intelligence; suicidal party with gun; agitated defendant with no security present; attempt to bring in knife ; stolen vehicle; attempt to avoid security screening; attempt to break leg shackles; drugs; contraband; terroristic threats / powder substance in letters; wanted man with gun; unsecured building / doors; suspicious circumstance; panic alarm failure; panic alarm activation; improper court decorum; use of unauthorized devices; improper communication by an attorney.

Based on the reports the Commission receives, there is every indication that courthouses present special challenges in terms of security. The reports submitted in Wyoming reflect the same security concerns that are being seen nation-wide, with a marked increase in threats against the judiciary. In the past year, reports involving verbal and written threats increased by 22% and were 120% higher than two years ago. Disorderly Conduct reports increased by 16% and were 89% higher than two years ago. While there may

be several reasons behind the increase in incident reports, the stories told in the reports reflect the absolute need for a solid physical security presence in all courthouses across the state. Of note and concern over the past year were several reported bomb threats as well as some terroristic threats involving powder in letters sent to courts with a written threat of anthrax. In both cases, some courthouses were shut down and evacuated. Judges are also experiencing more threats. In one case this past year, a judge opened the front door to their home to find police officers on the front step. The police were there to inform the judge that an inmate claimed they had someone place a bomb at the judge's home.

To effectively address the security issues in Wyoming courthouses, a collective knowledge of these incidents and security events is imperative and emphasizes the importance of having adequate security in every courthouse. The incident reports provide an important tool for local court security committees in identifying what actions were effective in each incident and what security practices need to be improved.

Wyoming Court Security Commission Meeting

Virtually via Microsoft Teams

May 9, 2024, from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Committee Members Attending: Justice John Fenn, Judge Darci Phillips, Judge Craig Jones, Representative Art Washut, Commissioner Mike Colling, Prosecutor Daniel Erramouspe, Director Ronnie Jones. Also attending were State Court Administrator Elisa Butler and Supreme Court Security Officer Joe Hartigan.

<u>Agenda Items</u>	
Call to Order Justice John Fenn	
Incident Reports Summary Joe Hartigan	Joe Hartigan reported to the Commission that there have been a total 623 incident reports since the implementation of the report standard. He also reported: Type of reports since last meeting: - Disorderly Conduct – 36 - Medical Emergency – 8 - Bomb Threat – 8 - Verbal Threat – 16 - Written threat – 6 - Physical Assault – 2 - Drugs / contraband – 1 - Attempt to bring in firearm – 1 Other – 52 (Other reports of the following incident type: arrest/take into custody; disturbance; intelligence; suicidal party with gun; agitated defendant with no security present; attempt to bring in knife; stolen vehicle; attempt to avoid security screening; attempt to break leg shackles; drugs; contraband; terroristic threats / powder substance in letters; wanted man with gun; unsecured building / doors; suspicious circumstance; panic alarm failure; panic alarm activation; improper court decorum; use of unauthorized devices; improper communication by an attorney). Nine Counties did not submit any reports.

	Joe also reported to the Commission that four counties received mailings with a powdery substance first thought to be Anthrax but was later confirmed not to be. Information about the mailings was disseminated in a rapid fashion so that two of the counties did not open the suspicious mailings. Justice Fenn commended the local law enforcement agencies for getting the information sent statewide, which greatly minimized the threat.
Legislative Update Justice Fenn	Justice Fenn reported that the Wyoming Legislature appropriated \$24,000 to accomplish protective measures for justices and judges' personal information on the web. The Supreme Court will be contracting with a vendor to provide initial and continuing support to ensure the personal data of justices and judges remains difficult to access online. Justice Fenn discussed Senate File 30, which passed the Legislature. The bill added language to the definition of threat to now include judges. Additionally, this year the US Congress passed legislation to establish a State Judicial Threat Intelligence and Resource Center (Center). The Center will provide technical assistance, training, and monitoring of threats for state and local judges and court personnel; provide physical security assessments; and coordinate research to identify, examine, and advance best practices around court security. It will be housed within the existing State Justice Institute, a private non-profit and non-partisan corporation established by Congress in 1984.
911 Red Flagging – Laramie County Justice Fenn	Laramie County has implemented a program referred to as the 911 Red Flagging system. The system identifies and flags judges personal phone numbers so that when a call comes in, there is a heightened level of alert. The system can also contain family members information and healthcare data which promotes faster response times. Justice Fenn encouraged the judges in the Cheyenne area to sign up for the system.
Courthouse Visits Justice Fenn	Over the past year, Justice Fenn and Joe have visited courthouses in Lusk, Douglas, Laramie, Buffalo, Gillette, and Sheridan. The visits have included meetings with

	County Commissioners, tours of facilities, and security training for local judges. This outreach has resulted in greater awareness for security issues in the local courthouses, as well as specific projects such as the purchase of x-ray equipment for Converse County. A meeting in Cody is planned for June of 2024.
Training Justice Fenn	Justice Fenn highlighted the training provided by Natrona County Sheriff John Harlin. He also discussed a firearms training to be held at the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy June 5, 2024. Joe Hartigan discussed grant funding secured by the Wyoming Supreme Court to provide security assessments for courthouse assessments. The assessments will be done by the National Center for State Courts in the fall of 2024.
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

ENROLLED ACT NO. 5, SENATE

SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2024 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; clarifying that judges are covered under the offense of influencing, intimidating or impeding jurors, witnesses and officers; amending the penalty for intimidating or impeding jurors, judges, witnesses and officers; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 6-5-305(a) is amended to read:

6-5-305. Influencing, intimidating or impeding jurors, judges, witnesses and officers; obstructing or impeding justice; penalties.

(a) A person commits a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ~~ten (10)~~ five (5) years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both, if, by force or threats, he attempts to influence, intimidate ~~or~~ impede or retaliate against a juror, judge, witness or other judicial officer in relation to the discharge of his duty.

ORIGINAL SENATE
FILE NO. SF0030

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ENROLLED ACT NO. 5, SENATE

SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2024 BUDGET SESSION

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2024.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk

A wooden gavel with a gold band is positioned diagonally across a laptop keyboard. A large, dark blue geometric shape, resembling a stylized 'V' or a folded banner, is overlaid on the image. The date 'April 2023' is written in white, serif font on the right side of this shape.

April 2023

Wyoming Judicial Branch

Court and Judge Security

Memo on Wyoming Statutes that Could Apply to Threatening or Intimidating a Judge

To address increasing threats against Judges and court staff, Wyoming needs clear statutory guidance to ensure that violence against Judges and staff is prohibited, and when an incident does occur those instances are appropriately addressed through the criminal justice system.

Wyoming court, similar to other courts throughout the country, face an increasing threat of violence. The Court Security Commission releases a report each year indicating the number of incidents that occur in courthouses across the state – from disorderly conduct to bomb threats and prisoner escapes. In its 2022 annual report, the Court Security Commission reported a 142% increase in incidents from the previous year. Even when the pandemic is taken into consideration, there was a 53.6% increase in comparison to reports from two years ago, and a 68.2% increase from reports in 2019. This does not account for those incidents that are never reported to the Court Security Commission. The courts provide a valuable service to the community – resolving disputes of those who are unable to do so themselves and ensuring the safety of the community while respecting the due process rights of criminal defendants. Judges make difficult and unpopular decisions each day, and they must be protected to ensure the continued health of the Judiciary in Wyoming.

Wyoming has a statute which arguably punishes threatening or intimidating a judge, but more specific language is needed. Wyoming Statute § 6-5-305(a) states:

A person commits a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both, if, by force or threats, he attempts to influence, intimidate, or impede a juror, witness or **officer** in the discharge of his duty.

(Emphasis added). While the statute does not define “officer,” there are definitions for “peace officer” and “public officer” in other sections of Title 6. The lengthy definition of “peace officer” is set forth in the general definitions section of Title 6, and it includes law enforcement and corrections officers. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 6-1-104(a)(vi). The definitions section in Chapter 5 of Title 6, which is called “Offenses Against Public Administration,” defines “public officer” as “a person who holds an office which is created or granted authority by the constitution or the legislature and who exercises a portion of the sovereign power of the state.” Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 6-5-101(a)(v). This would include judges because the courts were created and granted authority by Article 5 of the Wyoming Constitution and the legislature in Title 5 of the Wyoming Statutes. Therefore, “officer” in Wyoming Statute § 6-5-305(a) could be interpreted as applying to both “peace officers” and “public officers” or just to “public officers.” If this statute was interpreted as applying to “public officers,” it would be a felony to threaten a judge “in the discharge of his duty.”

Unfortunately, there is not much legislative history for Wyoming Statute § 6-5-305. However, the Use Note for the Pattern Jury Instruction No. 53.05A, which is the instruction for cases involving Wyoming Statute § 6-5-305, states:

This statute is hopelessly vague in that it does not state the kind of proceedings which it applies to, nor does it provide any definition of "officer." Limitation of the section to judicial proceedings, and to officers of the Court, would be appropriate. *See Smith v. State*, 902 P.2d 1271 (Wyo. 1995).

In *Smith*, the Court was asked to determine the meaning of "witness" as used in Wyoming Statute § 6-5-305. The appellant argued that the word should not apply to witnesses who had already testified and been released from their subpoenas. 902 P.2d at 1276. The *Smith* court rejected that contention and gave the term the definition set forth in Black's Law Dictionary. *Id.* at 1277. The *Smith* case did not discuss the definition of "officer."

In its analysis, the *Smith* Court relied heavily on Ohio case law, because Ohio's statute was very similar to Wyoming's. *Id.* at 1276. Ohio's statute was amended the year after the *Smith* case came out. It now states:

No person, knowingly and by force, by unlawful threat of harm to any person or property, or by filing, recording, or otherwise using a materially false or fraudulent writing with malicious purpose, in bad faith, or in a wanton or reckless manner, shall attempt to influence, intimidate, or hinder a public servant, a party official, or an attorney or witness involved in a civil action or proceeding in the discharge of the person's the duties of the public servant, party official, attorney, or witness.

Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2921.03 (West). The definition of "public servant" includes "public officials," which in turn includes judges. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2921.01 (West). While this amendment clarified the ambiguity of the word "officer" that had been used in Ohio's version of the statute, Wyoming has not amended its statute to clarify this definition. However, interpreting Wyoming Statute § 6-5-305 to apply to judges and other "public officers" would be consistent with federal law and the law in several other states.

Federal law makes it a felony to threaten "any grand or petit juror, or officer in or of any court of the United States, or officer who may be serving at any examination or other proceeding before any United State magistrate judge or other committing magistrate, in the discharged of his duty" 18 U.S.C. § 1503. While it may not be clear from the text of the statute, federal courts have held judges fall under the definition of "officer" in this statute. *United States v. Margoles*, 294 F.2d 371, 373 (7th Cir. 1961) ("a district judge is a judicial officer of the United States and as such an officer indispensable to the court's performance of its judicial functions. We are of the opinion

that the judge is an 'officer in or of' the court within the meaning of § 1503.") This supports the argument that "officer" in Wyoming Statute § 6-5-305 should be interpreted to include "public officers" like judges.

Twenty-nine (29) other states and one U.S. territory have enacted statutes that make it unlawful to intimidate, threaten, influence, make terroristic threats against, retaliate against, or publish personal identifying information about a judge. While a few of those statutes specifically use the word "judge" in the text of the statute, the vast majority of the statutes use the words public officer, public official, or public servant, and then define those terms to include judges in a separate definitions section. Some states also extend protection to judges' immediate family members or staff. The punishments for violations of those statutes vary drastically, with some offenses being misdemeanors and others being varying degrees of felonies. Those statutes and penalties are summarized in a table at the end of this memo. Interpreting Wyoming's intimidation statute to apply to "public officers," including judges would be consistent with these statutes.

The intimidation statute should be interpreted to apply to judges. If it is not, there are several other Wyoming statutes that might apply to a threat made against a judge, including:

1. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 6-2-501(a), Simple Assault, if the threat was accompanied by an attempt to cause bodily injury;
2. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 6-2-505(a), Terroristic Threat, if the threat was made to cause the evacuation of a building (like a courthouse) or to "cause serious public inconvenience;"
3. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 6-2-506, Stalking, if the party making the threat engaged in a "course of conduct" over "any period of time" with the intent to harass the judge (this might require more than one threat);
4. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 6-3-303, Criminal Trespass, if the person did not leave the judge's property when asked to do so;
5. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 6-6-102, Breach of Peace, if the litigant used "threatening, abusive or obscene language or violent actions" with knowledge or probable cause to believe he will disturb the peace;
6. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 6-6-103, Telephone Calls, Unlawful Acts, penalties, Communicating a threat of bodily injury or death, if the threat was made by phone; and
7. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 6-8-103, Possession of deadly weapon with unlawful intent, if the person possessed a deadly weapon with the intent to threaten the judge's life, or to commit assault, or inflict bodily injury.

Table of State Statutes on Threatening or Intimidating a Judge

State/ Territory	Statute No.	Summary	Penalty
AZ	Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13-2401	Unlawful to post a judge's personal information on the internet if the personal information poses an imminent and serious threat to the judge or the judge's immediate family member	Class 5 felony, First Offense punishable by imprisonment for 6 months to 2 ½ years; Subsequent offenses, punishable by imprisonment up to 7 ½ years
CA	Ca. Penal Code § 76	Unlawful to knowingly and willingly threaten the life of, or threaten bodily harm to a judge, staff, immediate family of the judge, or immediate family member of the judge's staff, with the intent that the statement be taken as a threat and with the apparent ability to carry out the threat	1 st conviction: \$5,000 fine or jail for up to 1 year or both; Subsequent Offense: 16 months to 3 years in jail
CO	Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 18-8-615 (West)	A person commits "retaliation" against a judge if he makes a credible threat or commits an act of harassment or an act of harm or injury upon a person or property as retaliation or retribution against a judge, upon a judge who is serving in a legal matter involving the individual or a family member, a member of the judge's family, a person in a "close relationship" with the judge, or a person residing in the judge's household	Class 4 felony, punishable by imprisonment for 2-6 years and fines from \$2,000- \$500,000

DE	Del. Code Ann. tit. 11, § 1207 (West)	Unlawful to threaten unlawful harm to any person with the intent to influence the latter's decision, opinion, recommendation, vote, or other exercise of discretion as a public servant or to threaten harm to a public servant to influence him to violate a known legal duty. The definition of "public servant" includes any judge or judicial officer.	Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in jail and a fine of \$2,300
DE	Del. Code Ann. tit. 11, § 1240 (West)	A person commits "terroristic threatening of a public official or public servant" if he threatens to commit any crime likely to result in death or serious injury to the public official or servant in the exercise of his official functions. The definition of "public servant" includes any judge or judicial officer	Class G felony, punishable by up to two years in prison
FL	Fla. Stat. Ann. § 843.0855 (West)	Unlawful for a person to "falsely under color of law" attempt to influence, intimidate, harass, retaliate against, or hinder a public officer or employee in the discharge of his duties through threats of or actual physical abuse or harassment, or through the use of the simulated legal process. The definition of public officer includes judges.	3 rd Degree felony, punishable by imprisonment up to 5 years, a fine of \$5,000, and 5 years of probation
GA	Ga. Code Ann. § 16-11- 37(e)(1) (West)	Unlawful to make "terroristic threats" to retaliate against or intimidate or threaten any person from attending a judicial or administrative proceeding as a judge	Punishable by imprisonment of 5 to 20 years and a fine of up to \$50,000

ID	Idaho Code Ann. § 18-1353 (West)	Unlawful to threaten harm to any person with the purpose to influence his decision, opinion, recommendation, vote, or other exercise of discretion as a public servant or to threaten harm to a public servant to influence him to violate a known legal duty. The definition of Public Servant includes judges. Felony if the actor threatened to commit a crime or made a threat with the purpose of influencing a judicial or administrative proceeding	Punishable by imprisonment up to 5 years and a fine of up to \$50,000
ID	Idaho Code Ann. § 18-1353A (West)	Unlawful to use the mail to send a letter or other writing containing a threat to take the life of or inflict bodily injury on any judge, justice, or magistrate	First Offense, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 1 year in jail and a fine of not more than \$1,000; Subsequent Offense, felony, punishable by up to 5 years in prison
IL	720 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/12-9	Unlawful to knowingly deliver or convey, directly or indirectly, a communication containing a threat that would put a "public official" or his immediate family member in reasonable apprehension of bodily harm, sexual assault, confinement, or restraint or in apprehension of damage to his or his family's property. A public official is defined as a person who is elected to office in	First Offense is a Class 3 felony, punishable by imprisonment for 5-10 years and a fine of up to \$25,000; Subsequent Offense is a Class 2 felony, punishable by

		accordance with a statute or appointed to office. This includes judges	imprisonment for 3-7 years and fines of up to \$25,000
LA	La. Stat. Ann. § 14:122.2	Unlawful to threaten a public official through any verbal or written communication that communicates a true threat to the public official. The definition of public official includes judicial officers.	Punishable by imprisonment of up to 6 months and a fine of \$500
MA	Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 268, § 13B(b) (West)	Unlawful to directly or indirectly threaten, attempt or cause physical, emotional, or economic injury or property damage, convey gifts or anything of value, or mislead, intimidate, or harass a judge or family member with the intent to impede, obstruct, delay, prevent or interfere with a trial or court proceeding or to retaliate against the person for his participation in the proceedings	Punishable by imprisonment for 2½ to 10 years and a fine of \$1,000 to \$5,000, or in cases involving life imprisonment, imprisonment for 2½ to 20 years and a fine up to \$10,000
ME	Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 17-A, § 603	A person commits “improper influence” if he threatens harm to any public servant for the purpose of influencing his action, decision, opinion, recommendation, nomination, vote, or other exercise of discretion. The definition of public servant includes any officer or employee of any branch of government.	Class D Crime, up to 364 days in jail and a fine up to \$2,000
MI	Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 750.478a (West)	Unlawful to attempt to intimidate, hinder, or obstruct a public officer or public employee in the discharge of his official duties by use of	First Conviction, a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment up

		“unauthorized process” (simulated legal process). Public officer includes person elected or appointed to any court	to 2 years and a fine of up to \$1,000; Subsequent offense, a felony punishable by imprisonment for up to 4 years and a fine of not more than \$2,000
MS	Miss. Code. Ann. § 97-9-55 (West)	Unlawful to use threats, force, or abuse, to attempt to intimidate or influence a judge in the discharge of his duties	Imprisonment for not less than 1 month nor more than 2 years
MS	Miss. Code Ann. § 97-9-127	A person commits “retaliation” if he intentionally or knowingly harms or threatens to harm another in retaliation for anything lawfully done by a “public servant” A public servant is defined as any elected or appointed official of the government, which would include judges	Class 2 felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$3,000
MO	Mo. Ann. Stat. § 575.095 (West)	Unlawful to “tamper” with a “judicial officer” with the purpose to harass, intimidate, or influence the judicial officer in the performance of the “officer’s” official duties	Class D felony punishable by up to 7 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000 or twice the amount of financial gain to the offender
MT	Mont. Code Ann. § 45-7-102 (West)	Unlawful to threaten to harm a person (or their immediate family) with the purpose of influencing the person’s decision, opinion,	Felony punishable by imprisonment up to 10 years and a

		recommendation, vote, or other exercise of discretion of a public servant or in a judicial or administrative proceeding. The definition of public servant includes judges	fine of up to \$50,000
NH	N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 640:3	Unlawful to threaten harm to any public servant for the purpose of influencing his action, decision, opinion, recommendation, nomination, vote, or other exercise of discretion. The definition of public servant includes judge.	Class B Felony, punishable by imprisonment for 3 ½ to 7 years, fine up to \$4,000, and 5 years of probation
NJ	N.J. Stat. Ann. § 2C:27-3 (West)	Unlawful to directly or indirectly threaten unlawful harm to any person with the purpose to influence a decision, opinion, recommendation, vote, or exercise of discretion of a public servant, or to threaten a public servant with the purpose to influence him to violate his official duty. The definition of public servant includes judges	Third Degree Offense, punishable by imprisonment for 3-5 years and a fine of more than \$15,000
OH	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2921.03 (West)	Unlawful to knowingly and by force, by the unlawful threat of harm to any person or property or by filing materially false or frivolous writing to attempt to influence, intimidate, or hinder a public servant in the discharge of the person's duties as a public servant. The definition of public servant includes judges	Third Degree Felony punishable by 9-60 months in prison and a fine up to \$10,000
OK	Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 21, § 1176 (West)	Unlawful to use an electronic communication device to publish, post, or make publicly available personally identifiable information of	First Conviction, a misdemeanor punishable by jail for up to 6

		a “public official” with the intent to threaten, intimidate, or harass, that places a public official in reasonable fear of death or serious bodily injury. “Public Official” includes any person elected or appointed to the judicial branch	months and fine up to \$1,000; Subsequent Offense, punishable by up to a year in jail and a fine of up to \$2,000
Puerto Rico	33 L.P.R.A. § 4918	Unlawful to conspire, threaten, attempt, or commit a crime against a judge or other public officer arising “during or as a consequence of any investigation, procedure, hearing, or issues which such officers are conducting in the exercise of his/her official duties”	4 th Degree felony punishable by imprisonment for less than 6 months or more than 3 years
RI	11 R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 11-42-4(West)	Unlawful to deliver or convey, directly or indirectly, a verbal or written threat to take the life of, or to inflict bodily harm upon a public official or his immediate family member because of the performance or nonperformance of some public duty. The definition of a public official includes a judge or magistrate	Felony punishable by imprisonment for up to 5 years and a fine of up to \$5,000
SC	S.C. Code Ann. § 16-9-340	Unlawful for a person by threat or force to: intimidate or impede a judge, magistrate, or “any other official of any court, in the discharge of his duty	Felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 10 years, a fine of not more than \$10,000 or both
TN	Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-16-510 (West)	A person commits “retaliation” if he harms or threatens to harm a judge or family member of a judge, by any act	Class E felony punishable by 1-6 years in prison

		in retaliation for anything the judge did in his official capacity	and a fine of up to \$3,000
TX	Tex. Penal Code Ann. § 36.06 (West)	Unlawful to intentionally and knowingly harm or threaten to harm another individual by an unlawful act in retaliation for the service or status of another as a public servant or to prevent or delay the service of another as a public servant. Unlawful to post on the internet the address or phone number of a public servant (or family member) in retaliation for or on account of his status as a public service. Third-Degree felony, or Second-Degree felony if the actor's conduct results in the bodily injury of a public servant or family member. The definition of public servant includes judges.	Third Degree Felony punishable by imprisonment for 2-10 years; Second Degree Felony, punishable by imprisonment for 2-20 years and a fine of up to \$10,000
UT	Utah Code Ann. § 76-8-104 (West)	Unlawful to threaten any harm to a public servant with the purpose of influencing his action, decision, opinion, recommendation, nomination, vote, or other exercise of discretion. The definition of Public Servant includes judges	Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to 364 days in jail and a fine up to \$2,500
UT	Utah Code Ann. § 76-8-316 (West)	Third Degree Felony to Unlawful to threaten to assault, kidnap, or murder a judge or a family member of a judge with the intent to impede, intimidate, or interfere with the judge with the intent to retaliate against the judge on account of the performance of his official duties	Third Degree Felony punishable by up to 5 years in prison and a fine up to \$5000; Second Degree Felony punishable by up

		Second Degree Felony to commit an assault on Judge or Family member First Degree Felony to commit aggravated assault on the judge or family member First Degree Felony to attempt to murder a family member of a judge with the intent to impede, intimidate, or interfere with the Judge's performance of official duties	to 15 years in prison and a fine up to \$15,000; First-Degree Felony up to life in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000
VA	Va. Code Ann. § 18.2-460 (West)	Class 1 Misdemeanor to knowingly obstruct a judge in the performance of his duties or to use threats of force to attempt to intimidate or impede a judge lawfully engaged in his duties. Class 5 Felony to use threats of bodily harm or force to intimidate a judge lawfully engaged in his duties	Class 1 Misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in jail and a fine of \$2,500; Class 5 Felony up to 10 years in prison
VT	Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 13, § 3001 (West)	Unlawful to "hinder" a judicial officer	Punishable by up to 3 years in prison and a fine of not more than \$500
WA	Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 9A.72.160 (West)	Unlawful to intimidate a judge by directing a threat to a judge because of a ruling or decision of the judge in an official proceeding or directing a threat to a judge to attempt to influence a ruling or decision	Class B Felony, up to 10 years in prison and a fine up to \$20,000
WV	W. Va. Code Ann. § 61-5-27 (West)	(intimidation) Unlawful to use intimidation, physical force, harassment, or fraudulent legal process or threaten to do so where the threat is directed at inciting or producing imminent lawless action of a violent nature that could cause	Felony punishable by imprisonment up to 10 years and a fine of not more than \$2,000

		bodily harm, with the intent to impede or obstruct a public official or employee from performing his official duties. (retaliation) Unlawful to cause injury or loss to person or property, or threaten to do so, with the intent to retaliate against a public official for the performance or nonperformance of an official duty. The definition of “public official or employee” includes any elected or appointed official or an employee of any state or federal court.	
WI	Wis. Stat. Ann. § 940.203 (West)	Unlawful to intentionally cause bodily harm or threaten to cause bodily harm to the person or family member of a judge, if at the time of the act or threat, the actor knows/should know the victim is a judge or family member and the act or threat is in response to an action taken by the judge in his official capacity, without the consent of the person harmed	Class H felony, up to 6 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000

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LOCAL COURT SECURITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES**

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Natalie Wardell – Admin, Sheriff's Office
Jeremy Pouska – Maintenance

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Nathan Henkes – County Attorney
Scott Matheny – Sheriff
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