

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

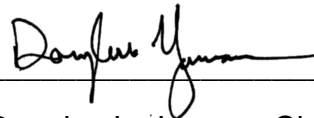
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2024-4
PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN EFFINGHAM COUNTY

WHEREAS the Illinois Supreme Court has adopted a Policy on Portable Electronic Devices (PEDs); and

WHEREAS the Policy provides that if the Chief Judge of the Circuit determines that PEDs interfere with the administration of justice or cause a threat to safety or security, they may prohibit PEDs from being carried into specific courtrooms (for example, courtrooms hearing certain criminal cases) or an entire courthouse if the courthouse provides storage for the devices at no cost to the court visitor at the security entrance.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit has determined that PEDs interfere with the administration of justice and cause a threat to safety or security in the Effingham County Courthouse.
2. The use of Portable Electronic Devices by Court Visitors is prohibited in the Effingham County Government Center, unless permitted pursuant to one of the exceptions listed in Effingham County's Policy on Portable Electronic Devices.
3. The Chief Judge has previously approved Effingham County's Policy on Portable Electronic Devices of April 27, 2022.
4. This Order is effective April 30, 2024.



Douglas L. Jarman, Chief Judge