

OHIO COUNTY COURTHOUSES

SYMPOSIUM



Ohio County Courthouse Quiz

- I am one of Ohio's oldest county courthouses. I am unique in that I may be the only three-story courthouse in the U.S. with ground-level entrances on each floor?



**MEIGS COUNTY
COURTHOUSE**



WHERE AM I, AND WHAT DO I REPRESENT ?

SCIOTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE

HIGH WATER MARK- FLOOD OF 1937

I am recognized as having impaneled one of the first “all-women jury” .



Where will I find “The four characteristics of good government” ?

- *Justice, Prudence, Strength, and Clemency*
- A. The Ohio Statehouse
- B. The Riffe Center
- C. The Supreme Court of Ohio

The Supreme Court of Ohio

Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center





MODERNIZATION

VS.

HISTORIC VALUE



SECURITY TECHNOLOGY

VS.

SECURITY STAFF



FUNDING SOURCES ???



SHOULD WE TRADE –IN FOR A NEWER MODEL ???



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COURTHOUSE VIOLENCE UNPREDICTABLE DESPITE SECURITY

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) -- When Utah's new federal courthouse opened last week, it came with security improvements that are becoming standard around the country: separate entrances and elevators for judges, defendants and the public; bullet-resistant glass and paneling; and vehicle barricades to keep car bombs at bay.

Even the design of the courtrooms, with plenty of sunlight and space, can help calm witnesses or defendants in high-stress cases, some judges believe.

But nothing can prevent every violent courtroom outburst. Authorities said that when a 5-foot-11, 230-pound, pen-wielding defendant rushed a witness during his racketeering trial Monday, a more old-fashioned form of security left him dead: an armed U.S. marshal.

Shooting rocks courthouse

Monday's shooting left two women dead, two Capitol policeman wounded and a male gunman dead. The area around the courthouse was closed throughout Monday and will be closed Tuesday.

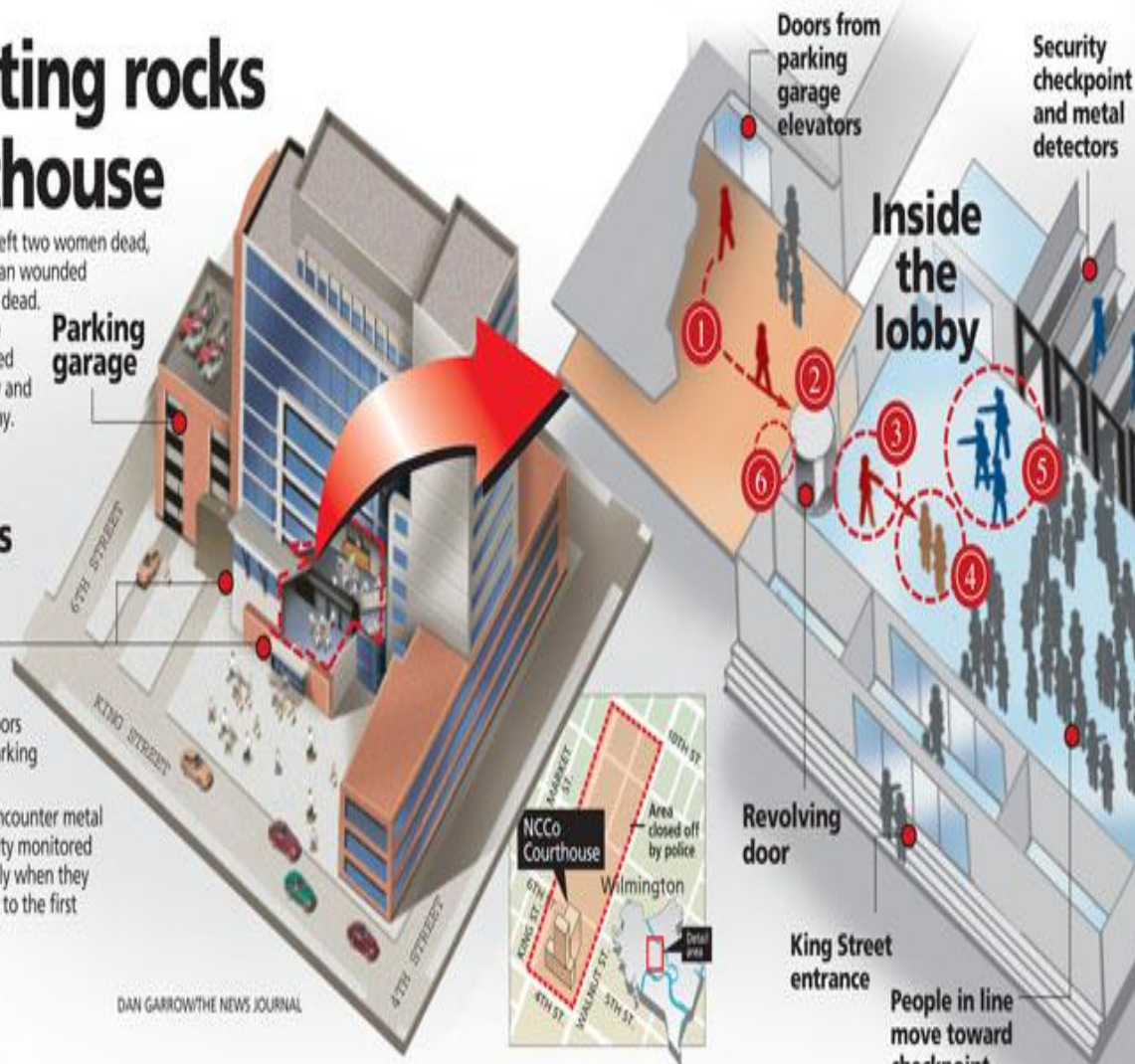
Parking garage

Entrances

Visitors can enter the 60-by-40 foot two-story atrium lobby from the King Street main doors or the side doors leading from the parking garage.

Security: Visitors encounter metal detectors and security monitored by Capitol Police only when they pass from the lobby to the first floor hallway.

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How it happened

According to witnesses and police accounts:

- ① The shooter rides in parking garage elevator and walks toward courthouse lobby.
- ② He walks through the side entrance at about 8:10 a.m. There were about 55 people in the lobby at the time.
- ③ The shooter moves directly toward two women near the center of the lobby.
- ④ He opens fire and kills the two women.
- ⑤ Two Capitol policeman and a NCCo policeman, who had been talking in the lobby, exchange gunfire with the shooter. The Capitol policemen are hit in the chest, but are saved by their bullet-proof vests.
- ⑥ The shooter dies near the revolving door, which is shattered by bullets. It is unclear if he is killed by police gunfire or a self-inflicted shot.

After the shooting security teams sweep the building, though the shooter never made it past the metal detectors.

CREATING A SAFE COURTHOUSE

- BACK TO THE BASICS
- ASSESSING AND ADMINISTERING SECURITY REQUIREMENTS
- DEVELOPING ADEQUATE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

REQUIREMENTS

- OHIO COURT SECURITY STANDARDS
- Sup. R.9. APPENDIX C
- 16 STANDARDS
- Standards # 1-5 use the words “ Shall ”
- Balance the diverse needs of each community
- <http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/courtSecurity/appC.pdf>

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ASSESSING YOUR COURTHOUSE

- REVIEW, UPDATE, AND REVISE EXISTING SECURITY POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL AND LOCAL RULES
- CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY ASSESSMENT
- REVIEW/ADDRESS SECURITY ISSUES IN A COOPERATIVE and CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER

ASSESSMENT TOOLS

Risk reduction
legend:

| |
|----------|
| HIGH |
| MODERATE |
| LOW |

Magisterial District Court Security Matrix: Updated with Cost Approximations

| SECURITY ZONE | COST and RISK REDUCTION | NOTE |
|---|-------------------------|---|
| PARKING | | |
| Adequate lighting | \$3-10,000.00 | Wall pacs and poles |
| Camera/video monitoring | \$ 2,000.00 | Clerical duty |
| Security guard | \$23,000.00 | Per year, w/ benefits |
| Motion detector | \$100.00 | Supply and install |
| Controlled access | ? | Gates |
| WEAPONS | | |
| Screening ¹ | \$ 7,000.00 | Plus operator |
| Lockers/check-in ² | \$ 600.00 | Supply and install |
| Warning signs | \$ 100.00 | Supply and install |
| ENTRANCES AND EXITS | | |
| After-hours intrusion alarm | \$ 2,000.00 | Supply and install |
| After-hours deadbolt lock | \$ 100.00 | |
| Security guard (business hours) | \$ 23,000.00 | Plus benefits |
| Video monitoring (business hours) ³ | \$ 2,000.00 | Clerical duty |
| Landscaping, outdoor maintenance | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| EXTERIOR WINDOWS | | |
| Locking device | \$ 100.00 | Supply and install |
| Alarm | \$ 300.00 | Motion detector |
| Treated glass | \$ 100.00 | Per window |
| Wire mesh | \$ 150.00 | Per window |
| Metal bars | \$ 100.00 | Per window |
| PUBLIC AREA | | |
| Shatterproof glass in transaction area ⁴ | \$ 20.00 | Per sq. foot, supply and install with frame |
| Procedures for separating parties ⁵ | N/A | |
| Full view of waiting area: | | |

¹ Assuming a free-standing (not handheld) magnetometer

² Statutorily mandated

³ Cost may vary significantly with type of system

⁴ Wide transaction counter

⁵ At least one separate conference room

| SECURITY ZONE | COST and RISK REDUCTION | NOTE |
|--|--|-----------------------|
| Bubble mirrors; peepholes; entry buzzer | \$ 200.00 | |
| Camera | \$ 500.00 | With existing system |
| Signage | \$ 100.00 | |
| Secured furniture | \$ 50.00 | One chair |
| Professional/dignified appearance ⁶ | \$ 250.00 | Base, pole and flag |
| STAFF AREA | | |
| Buzzer controlled or locked door | \$ 100.00 | |
| Enclosed with walls of appropriate height | \$ 28.00 | Per lineal foot |
| Emergency staff exit ⁷ | \$ 500.00 | |
| DEFENDANTS IN CUSTODY | | |
| Designated parking for law enforcement | \$ 200.00 | Striped areas |
| Holding cell or locked room | \$ 2,000.00 | |
| Scheduling procedures ⁸ | N/A | |
| Handcuff railing | \$ 50.00 | Supply and install |
| COURTROOM AND CHAMBERS | | |
| Security personnel | \$ 25,000.00 | Per year, w/ benefits |
| Video conferencing | \$ 2500.00 | Supply and install |
| Physical barrier between bench and litigants | \$ 1,000.00 | Rail |
| Locked door between courtroom and chambers | \$ 250.00 | |
| DURESS ALARMS | | |
| In staff work area | \$ 4,000.00 per building, supply and install | |
| At transaction counter | | |
| In courtroom and chambers | | |

⁶ State flag, Commonwealth seal (awareness of weapons of opportunity)

⁷ Not necessarily to the outside; ability to escape danger

⁸ Minimizing defendant traffic / overlap

COURTHOUSE SECURITY EVALUATION SYSTEM

| OPTION | Point Score Increase (100pts) | Security Increase % | Capital Costs | Operating Costs | Costs per % Improvement |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Screening/ CCTV | 17.0 | 68.8% | \$34,000 | \$137,500 | \$23,358 |
| Holding Cells | 7.5 | 30.4% | \$15,000 | \$45,000 | \$17,463 |
| Policy & Procedures | 7.0 | 28.3% | \$0 | \$30,000 | \$1,235 |
| Secure Parking/ Space Reallocation | 5.0 | 20.2% | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown |



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PHYSICAL SECURITY ASSESSMENT Knox County Court of Common Pleas



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Emergency Response Plans

- Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio (Sup.R.9; Appendix C)
- Standard 3 (A) Emergency Preparedness Manual
- “ As part of its court security plan, each court shall adopt a written emergency preparedness manual. The manual shall include a plan providing for the safety of all persons present within the court facility

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OHIO JUDICIAL CENTER

The Supreme Court of Ohio
Board of Commissioners on Grievances
and Discipline
Clients' Security Fund
Ohio Court of Claims
Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission
Ohio Judicial Conference

EMBRACING COURT SECURITY



MY PAL THE ELEPHANT

MY MOM AND DAD GOT A DIVORCE TODAY
AND MY DAD MOVED TO ANOTHER TOWN.
I FEEL LIKE I SHOULD RUN AWAY,
JOIN THE CIRCUS MAYBE; BECOME A CLOWN.

MY MOM AND DAD GOT A DIVORCE TODAY.
DAD SAID THEY'D "GROWN APART" ?
I DON'T KNOW WHY HE LEFT ME TOO.
I'M SCARED; MY MOM'S GOTTA BUSTED HEART.

MY DAD SAID HE'D COME BACK AND VISIT ME,
BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM FOR A WHILE.
MY MOM SAYS HE'S BUSY AND HE'LL COME SOON.
SHE CRIES ALOT; I MISS HER SMILE.

SO, I'M GONNA JOIN THE CIRCUS TODAY;
MAKE THE ELEPHANT MY PAL, YOU'LL SEE.
I'LL BE FAR AWAY SAFE AND I'LL SHOW THEM.
HE'LL CRY; DAD'LL COME BACK TO ME.

IF DAD WOULD COME BACK AND VISIT ME,
I WOULDN'T JOIN THE CIRCUS YOU SEE.
IF HE'D LOVE ME & HOLD ME & JUST BE MY PAL,
DADDY I LOVE YOU, PLEASE DON'T DIVORCE ME.

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The Family Court Center
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A Gift
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