

JSO Response to X-ray scanners:

- We understand there was a letter sent to Sheriff Williams outlining safety concerns for attorney's having to pass repeatedly through the X-ray machines.

I have been made aware that we were contacted by a local attorney in reference to the usage of the new scanners. The letter was not viewed as a complaint, rather a request for alternate accommodations when entering the PTFD. The letter was specific to the individual writing the letter, though could be construed to include all persons entering the building. The individual was not comfortable with JSO utilizing the scanners on his person. The letter was a request for JSO to make other accommodations when he entered the secure facility. The request was reviewed by staff and was deemed to be a valid request. Alternate accommodations were made for the requestor to enter the secure facility while still being screened for contraband and/or weapons. These accommodations will be available to anyone requesting them.

- Wouldn't that count as a complaint?

The letter brought to our attention a concern of this individual and repeated the request for alternate accommodations. We believe we have met and exceeded the request for such accommodations for not only the requestor in this case, but anyone asking in the future.

- Can you confirm Undersheriff Ivey notified at least one defense attorney that they would no longer have to pass through the scanner?

Yes. Alternate accommodations have been made available for the requestor and anyone else asking for such.

- And that the change happened the same day, January 24th, as our initial request for info about whether the x-ray was registered with the state?

Cannot confirm the date the individual was advised by the Undersheriff of the new accommodations. By the time the letter made it into the Undersheriff's hand, it had been through several others. He also made several attempts to call the individual back, leaving messages until having the ability to pass on the information. I can confirm the Dept. of Health conducted an inspection on the 24th of January in reference to the machines.

- When were the scanners put into use?

Approximately July 2016

- What was the date of the registration application?

February 2, 2017

- How much did these scanners cost?

Approximately \$150,000 each

- Have there been any policy changes in the last 60 days involving who must pass through the scanners?

At this time, the machine is not being utilized. In order to ensure all required documentation has been completed and registrations returned, those visiting the PTDF will not have to be screened by the machines. As a matter of safety and security – we will continue using alternative methods of searching those entering until it is brought back on-line.

We are in the process of obtaining the required exemptions/variances in order to use the scanner in the current location.