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As Sheriff of Ohio County, Wheeling, West Virginia and former Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, I am well aware of the importance of security. After appropriate investigation, our County Commission has recently purchased the Secure Scan Weapons Detection System. The system provides a safe haven for our City-County building, our Circuit Court and our Family Law Master Court. The system has proven to be a formidable weapon against those who would, for whatever reason, bring their own weapon into our public safety environment. In our first day of operation in July, 2002, our security staff confiscated over 90 knives at the entrance to our facility. The fact that this technology is able to discriminate against coins, keys and belt buckles has also aided in the assessment process. The digital photographic capability also allows us to archive photographs of those who enter our access areas. Most importantly, the technology furnishes the operator with a silent warning and depicts on a monitor the exact area of the subject's body in which he or she may be carrying a weapon. I would conclude that I am extremely pleased with the capabilities of this new technology.

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