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**Subject: Undetectable Knives**

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The New York State Legislature has passed an amendment to the NYS penal law adding "undetectable knives" as follows:

**"Undetectable knife means any knife or other instrument, which does not utilize materials that are detectable by a metal detector or magnetometer when set at a standard calibration, that is capable of ready use as a stabbing or cutting weapon and was commercially manufactured to be used as a weapon."**

The operative part of the legislation is "commercially manufactured to be used as a weapon" and classifies it as a class A misdemeanor. However, items manufactured with undetectable material but would be considered ordinary household type instruments such as a kitchen knife, carving knife or other such items will still be considered contraband and not permitted in court facilities. These items, as with their metallic counterparts, will be vouchered, secured and subsequently returned to the individual upon their departure from the court facility.

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