

SHERIFF OF GARFIELD COUNTY

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GARFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POLICY / PROCEDURE GENERAL

SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 01, 2024

POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the Garfield County Sheriff's Office that no employee or direct family member of an employee may purchase, bid on, or otherwise acquire any property (personal or real) which has been or will be sold at any Sheriff's Sale. This includes personal or real property sold under civil or criminal action where the Garfield County Sheriff's Office is directly involved. Employees, immediate family of the employee(s) and/or agents of the employee(s) may only bid on or purchase County equipment/property that is being offered through a *public* auction or sale.

The only situations in which purchase from a Sheriff's Sale by, or conveyance of title to real estate by Sheriff's deed to, a Sheriff's Office employee are allowed are:

1. The property was owned by the employee or their family member immediately prior to the sale.
2. The property is located in another county; or
3. The property being sold is a severed mineral interest, and the Sheriff's employee, the immediate family member, is the owner of the surface estate

PURPOSE:

The Garfield County Sheriff's Office is responsible for conducting Sheriff's Sales related to writs of execution and decrees of foreclosure. Both real and personal property sales will be done by the Sheriff's office. It is the purpose of this policy to establish procedures for use by all department personnel to eliminate conflict(s) of interest or the appearance thereof regarding the purchase of real or personal property.

DEFINITIONS:

- **Sheriff Sale:** A foreclosure sale or writ of execution sale of real or personal property conducted by an officer under Article 38 of Title 38 in the Colorado Revised Statutes.

METHOD:

Certain information pertaining to Sheriff's sales is public information and can be provided to members of the public who request it. While Sheriff's Civil Deputies would not provide any information to a Sheriff's Office employee (or their direct family member(s)) that we would not provide to a member of the public, we do not want the public to perceive that our staff has received special treatment or information.