

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

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CLARKSBURG, WV 26301

IN RE: Courthouse Security

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Standing Order No. 12  
Security at United States Courthouses Within the District

Effective on the date set forth below, the following policy is adopted with respect to courthouse security at the various points of holding court in the United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia, including a policy relating to the use of identification cards for screening purposes:

1. All persons wishing to enter the federal building housing United States Courts within the Northern District of West Virginia shall first be required to properly clear the Security Screening Post located in the main lobby at each facility. The Security Screening Post is staffed by Court Security Officers during normal business hours. The purpose for the Security Screening Post is to ensure that no weapons, including but not limited to guns, knives, explosives or other items which are, or deemed to be a possible weapon, are brought into the building. Any person refusing to submit himself or herself or his or her carried items to such inspection shall be denied entrance to the building.

2. All persons other than those who are stationed in the building, having business in the building (i.e. contractors, work crews, repair persons) shall enter and leave the court facilities through the designated screening posts. Persons needing to use other entrances to the facilities must make arrangements with Court Security prior to bypassing the screening posts. After hours work shall have the prior approval of the appropriate officials. The Court Security Officers are charged with the enforcement of these regulations.

3. Only the United States Marshal, Deputy United States Marshals and Court Security Officers shall be allowed to possess firearms or other weapons in the building. Only Federal Law Enforcement Agencies who have offices in the building, including but not limited to the United States Probation Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Agency, United States Attorneys, etc. shall be authorized to possess or carry their weapons on a direct route from the Security Screening Post to their respective offices and return. None of the above agencies will be permitted to carry weapons inside any of the courtrooms without

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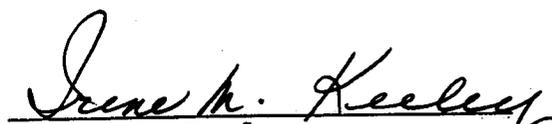
specific authorization from the United States Marshal and the presiding judge. All such agencies shall provide written authorization to the United States Marshal to identify which specific employees are authorized to carry weapons in the building. All other employees are not authorized to possess weapons within the building. State, city and local law enforcement officers will be required to secure their weapons with the Court Security Officers and successfully pass through the Security Screening Post.

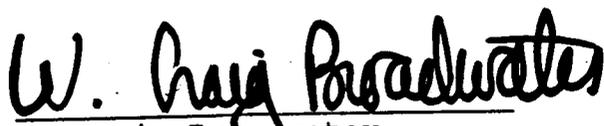
4. All employees will use an identification card issued by the employee's agency. Employees will be required to display and/or show this card to the Court Security Officers to pass through the Security Screening Post. If an employee fails to present their issued identification card, he or she will be required to successfully pass through the Security Screening Post.

5. The United States Marshals and Court Security Officers are to coordinate enforcement of this order and to take into custody any person violating its provisions. Such persons violating the provisions of this order shall be brought before the Court without unnecessary delay. The United States Marshals or Court Security Officers shall promptly take into their custodial possession any and all weapons or other items which are, or could be, used as possible weapons, carried into the building in violation of Federal laws or the laws of the State of West Virginia. Such weapons or items are to be retained in the custody of the United States Marshals until the possessor makes proper showing that possession thereof is lawful. Further, if said weapons or items are not lawfully reclaimed within thirty days, they may be disposed of according to law.

Dated: March 22, 2001

  
Frederick P. Stamp Jr.  
United States District Judge

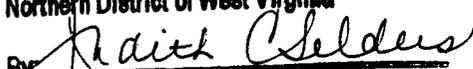
  
Irene M. Keeley  
United States District Judge

  
W. Craig Broadwater  
United States District Judge

  
Robert E. Maxwell  
United States District Judge

I hereby certify that the annexed instrument is a true and correct copy of the original filed in my office.

ATTEST: Dr. Wally Edgell  
Clerk, U.S. District Court  
Northern District of West Virginia

By:   
Deputy Clerk