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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

ORDER RE: WEAPONS POLICY
FOR UNITED STATES FEDERAL COURT FACILITIES
IN THE DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

No person is permitted to possess any weapon in a federal court facility in the District of Connecticut, except as specifically provided below.

The following persons may possess a weapon in a federal court facility in the District of Connecticut:

1. The United States Marshal, Deputy United States Marshals, Court Security Officers, and Federal Protective Officers;
2. Federal law enforcement officers and agents, except in a courtroom. Such officers and agents may possess weapons in a courtroom if expressly authorized by the United States Marshal, or the federal law enforcement officer or agent is the identified case agent in the courtroom;
3. Law enforcement officers or agents having custody or in charge of the transportation of a prisoner to or from a federal court facility, but such officers and agents may not possess weapons in courtrooms;
4. Correctional officers of the State of Connecticut, entrusted with responsibility of transporting a state prisoner to or from a federal court facility, but such officers may not possess weapons in courtrooms; and
5. Other persons specifically authorized by the United States Marshal or his representative.

No weapon intended for introduction as an exhibit in Court or to a Grand Jury may be brought into any federal court facility unless first presented to the United States Marshal or his representative for a safety check and the United States Marshal or his representative reports to the Clerk that the check has been completed.

Definitions

As used herein the term "federal court facility" means: the entire courthouse building at 141 Church Street, New Haven; the entire federal building, courthouse, and annex at 450 Main street, Hartford; and, the entire federal building, courthouse, and annex at 915 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, as well as all property appurtenant to such buildings. In addition, the term "federal court facility" also specifically includes the chambers of United States Court of Appeals Judges, United States District Judges, United States Magistrate Judges, and United States Bankruptcy Judges; clerk's offices of the United States Court of Appeals, the United States District Court, and the United States Bankruptcy Court within the State of Connecticut; and, the 17th and 18th floors of the Connecticut Financial Center, 157 Church Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

As used herein the term "weapon" includes:

1. Any weapon (including a starter gun or antique firearm) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or any destructive device;
2. Ammunition as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 921(a)(17);
3. Any "destructive device" means any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas, including a bomb, grenade, rocket having a propellant charge of more than four

ounces, or missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce;

4. A tear gas canister, mace container, Cap-Stun, or other dangerous gas or gas container;

5. A knife, a razor, or other dangerous cutting or sharp instrument;

6. A device, instrument, material, or substance, animate or inanimate, that is used for, or is capable of, causing death or injury;

7. Any device which, while not operational as a weapon, is designed to appear or appears as a weapon, or which may be used to intimidate or to simulate a weapon; and,

8. Any device or instrument designed or redesigned for use as a weapon or dangerous instrument, or combination of parts which may be readily assembled into a weapon or dangerous instrument.

This Order is intended to consolidate and supercedes the ORDER RE: WEAPONS POLICY FOR UNITED STATES COURTROOMS AND COURTROOM FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT, dated November 23, 1992, and is effective immediately.

In addition to any other federal or state offenses, failure to comply with this Order is punishable by criminal contempt under 18 U.S.C. § 401 by fine or imprisonment or both.

SO ORDERED this 20 day of January, 2005 at Hartford, Connecticut.

ROBERT N. CHATIGNY
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE