

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

IN RE: FIREARMS POLICY FOR ) General Order No. 2022-12  
THE UNITED STATES COURTHOUSES, )  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA )

GENERAL ORDER

This Order Supplements General Order 2003-24 entered on September 22, 2003, regarding the firearms policy for courthouses within the Northern District of Indiana.

1. General Rule. Except as otherwise provided in Section 5, no person (including any local, state, or federal law enforcement officer) other than the United States Marshal, Deputy United States Marshal, a Court Security Officer, a Federal Judge, a Federal Protective Service Officer or Contract Guard, or a Law Enforcement Officer permanently housed in the courthouse, shall carry a weapon in the Federal Courthouse. A Court Security Officer may carry a concealed personal firearm onto federal property and inside a courthouse when traveling to and from his or her assigned duty station. All Court Security Officers must comply with the policy set by the United States Marshal for Court Security Officers carrying personal firearms on federal property in the Northern District of Indiana.
2. Tenant Agencies. Law enforcement personnel that are permanent tenants of the courthouse are authorized to carry firearms directly to/from the agency office within the courthouse. The firearm is not to be carried during general movement within the courthouse. The firearms are not to be carried into any courtroom at any time except as otherwise provided in Section 5 hereof.
3. Depositing of Weapons. Except as otherwise provided herein or unless otherwise specifically authorized by the U.S. Marshal or his designee, all law enforcement officers shall deposit any weapon with the United States Marshals Service Court Security Officers gun lockers at the screening post immediately upon entering the courthouse or at the United States Marshals Service gun lockers located in the prisoner sallyport.
4. Exhibits. Any person bringing any weapon into the courthouse that is intended to be introduced as an exhibit shall take the weapon to the United States Marshals Service Court Security Officer at the screening post immediately upon entering the courthouse. The firearm should be rendered secure prior to it being presented to the Court Security Officer for inspection. No firearm may be taken into a courtroom unless it has first been presented to the United States Marshals Service for a safety check and a Deputy Marshal reports to the clerk that a check has been completed and the weapon is secured.
5. Exceptions. With the prior approval of the United States Marshal, or his designee, any law enforcement officer may be authorized to carry firearms in the courthouse for special cause.

SO ORDERED.

ENTERED: June 10, 2022

/s/ Jon E. DeGuilio

Jon E. DeGuilio, Chief Judge

/s/ William C. Lee

William C. Lee, Judge

/s/ James T. Moody

James T. Moody, Judge

/s/ Robert L. Miller, Jr.

Robert L. Miller, Jr., Judge

/s/ Philip P. Simon

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/s/ Theresa L. Springmann

Theresa L. Springmann, Judge

/s/ Joseph S. Van Bokkelen

Joseph S. Van Bokkelen, Judge

/s/ Holly A. Brady

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/s/ Damon R. Leichty

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