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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

IN RE )  
          ) GENERAL ORDER RE  
          ) SECURITY OF AND  
          ) ENTRY INTO U.S. COURTHOUSES  
UNITED STATES COURTHOUSES )  
AND FEDERAL COURT FACILITIES ) AND FEDERAL COURT FACILITIES  
SPOKANE, YAKIMA, AND ) IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF  
RICHLAND, WASHINGTON. ) WASHINGTON  
          ) No. 05-54-1  
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**This Order** applies to all United States Courthouses and Federal court facilities located in the Eastern District of Washington, specifically including:

1. The Thomas S. Foley United States Courthouse, 920 West Riverside Avenue, Spokane, Washington 99201;
2. The United States Post Office Building, 904 West Riverside Avenue, Spokane, Washington 99201;
3. The William O. Douglas Courthouse, 25 South Third Street, Yakima, Washington 98901;
4. The United States Bankruptcy Court-Chinook Tower, 402 East Yakima Avenue, Yakima, Washington 98901; and
5. The United States Courthouse, 825 Jadwin Avenue, Richland, Washington 99352.

Additionally, court proceedings may be held in other facilities or buildings from time to time. This Order covers all court locations as described above and any Federal court facility as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 930(g)(1), as follows:

1 "The term 'Federal court facility' means the courtroom, judges'  
2 chambers, witness rooms, jury deliberation rooms, attorney  
3 conference rooms, prisoner holding cells, offices of the court  
4 clerks, the United States attorney, and the United States  
5 Marshal, probation and parole offices, and adjoining corridors  
6 of any court of the United States."

7 Courtroom floors include the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> floors of the  
8 Thomas S. Foley United States Courthouse in Spokane, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
9 floors of the United States Post Office Building in Spokane, the 1<sup>st</sup>,  
10 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors of the William O. Douglas Courthouse in Yakima,  
11 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the United States Bankruptcy Court-Chinook  
12 Tower, and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors of the United States Courthouse in  
13 Richland, Washington. Courtroom floors also include any other  
14 floor, not listed above, of any Federal court facility where court  
15 may be held from time to time.

#### 16 **ENTERING AND LEAVING THE UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE**

17 Entry into and exit from (except emergency) any United States  
18 Courthouse is restricted to designated doors only.

19 No person having access to any United States Courthouse or  
20 Federal court facility or any secure areas via key, key card, or  
21 other device used to open doors or to call elevators, shall permit  
22 unauthorized persons access to any building or any elevator,  
23 locked stairwell door, or other locked door.

#### 24 **SCREENING**

25 Employees of the United States Marshal's Service, or persons  
26 so designated by the United States Marshal, shall operate x-ray  
27 units and walk-through metal detectors for the purpose of  
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1 screening all persons who enter any United States Courthouse or  
2 Federal court facility.

3 All persons entering any United States Courthouse or Federal  
4 court facility, including United States government employees,  
5 shall submit to a screening for dangerous weapons or dangerous  
6 devices by passing through the metal detectors operated by  
7 employees of the United States Marshal's Service or designees and  
8 shall submit to further screening or search if the metal detector  
9 registers a reading which, in the opinion of the operator,  
10 requires such further screening. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §  
11 930(g)(2),

12 "The term 'dangerous weapon' means a weapon, device,  
13 instrument, material, or substance, animate or inanimate,  
14 that is used for, or is readily capable of, causing death or  
15 serious bodily injury, except that such term does not include  
16 a pocket knife with a blade of less than 2 ½ inches in  
17 length."

18 No persons refusing to submit to such screening for dangerous  
19 weapons or other dangerous devices will be permitted to enter.

20 All persons entering any United States Courthouse or Federal  
21 court facility who are carrying, delivering, or otherwise  
22 transporting any briefcase, suitcase, purse, package, or other  
23 container (including mail and items delivered by private carrier)  
24 shall surrender any such item for screening for dangerous weapons  
25 or dangerous devices through x-ray device and/or personal  
26 inspection by employees of the United States Marshal's Service or  
27 designee.

28 No persons refusing to surrender any briefcase, suitcase,

1 purse, package, or other container (including mail or private  
2 carrier items) for screening will be permitted access to the  
3 facility.

#### 4 **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

5 All forms, means, and manner of capturing, recording,  
6 broadcasting, transmitting, and/or storing of anything by use of  
7 electronic, photographic, audio and/or visual means are prohibited  
8 in all courtrooms and environs thereto during the course of, or in  
9 connection with, any judicial proceedings whether the Court is  
actually in session or not.

10 Exceptions: A district, magistrate or bankruptcy judge may  
11 permit:

- 12 a) the use of electronic or photographic devices for the
- 13 presentation of evidence or the perpetuation of the record;
- 14 b) the broadcasting, televising, recording or photographing
- 15 of investitive, ceremonial, naturalization, or historically
- 16 significant proceedings; and
- 17 c) subject to the prohibitions contained above, the use of an
- 18 unobtrusive handheld dictating device by counsel or
- 19 unrepresented parties for use in dictating notes or reminders
- 20 during trial. It is not to be used to record any part of the
- proceedings.

#### 21 **COMPUTERS, CELLULAR PHONES, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT**

22 Unless otherwise ordered by the court, laptop computers,  
23 personal digital assistants (PDAs), Blackberries for email  
24 purposes and pagers may be used in the courtroom provided they  
25 emit no sound and are not disruptive to the proceedings. Cellular  
26 phones are prohibited from use in the courtroom. However, unless  
27 otherwise ordered by the Court, cellular phones may be utilized in  
the hallways, lobbies, and other areas of the environs. Any

1 device which has the potential to emit sound or be disruptive to  
2 Court proceedings must be turned off or set on silent mode in the  
3 courtroom. The use of this equipment is permissible within a  
4 judge's chambers at the discretion of the judge. The use of any  
5 device described in this section or any other device for the  
6 purposes described in the "Prohibited Activities" Section is  
7 strictly prohibited.

8 All such items allowed into any United States Courthouse or  
9 Federal court facility are subject to inspection upon each entry.

#### 10 WEAPONS

##### 11 Courtrooms:

12 Only United States Marshals and United States Court Security  
13 Officers are allowed in courtrooms with weapons. All other law  
14 enforcement officers attending court proceedings must secure all  
15 firearms and dangerous weapons with the United States Marshal's  
16 Service.

##### 16 Courthouses:

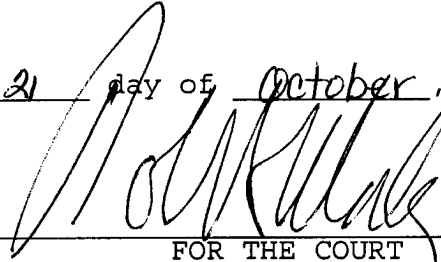
17 No one other than an authorized law enforcement officer with  
18 proper permits may bring or attempt to bring a firearm or other  
19 dangerous weapon into any of the buildings referred to in this  
20 Order. Other than U.S. Marshals, U.S. Court Security Officers,  
21 Federal Protective Service police officers and contract guards and  
22 Federal law enforcement officers with offices within the United  
23 States Courthouse or Federal court facility, all law enforcement  
24 officers must secure all firearms and dangerous weapons with the  
25 United States Marshal's Service. Federal law enforcement  
26 officers, with offices in the United States Courthouse or Federal  
27 court facility, shall secure their firearms in their offices.

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In the event of an emergency situation and in response thereto, the U.S. Marshal or his designee may waive the restrictions identified above on allowing weapons into a courthouse or federal court facility.

This order was approved by a majority of the Article III judges of the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington, on October 6, 2005. The order shall take effect immediately.

DATED this 21 day of October, 2005.

  
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FOR THE COURT  
ROBERT H. WHALEY  
CHIEF, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE