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)	IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
SPOKANE, YAKIMA, AND)	WASHINGTON
RICHLAND, WASHINGTON.)	
)	No. 01-54-3
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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:

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

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

ENTERING AND LEAVING THE UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

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

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

SCREENING

Employees of the United States Marshal's Service, or persons so

designated by the United States Marshal, shall operate x-ray units and walk-through metal detectors for the purpose of screening all persons who enter any United States Courthouse or Federal court facility.

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

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

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

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

No persons refusing to surrender any briefcase, suitcase, purse, package, or other container (including mail or private carrier items) for screening will be permitted access to the facility.

PROHIBITED DEVICES

No cameras, beepers, cellular telephones, tape recorders, computers, or other similar devices are permitted on courtroom floors, as identified above, without judicial permission.

No cameras, beepers, cellular telephones, tape recorders, computers, or other similar devices are allowed on the third floor of the Thomas S. Foley United States Courthouse, housing the United States Attorney, without first obtaining permission from the United States Marshal or the United States Attorney.

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

WEAPONS

<u>Courtrooms</u>:

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

Courthouses:

No one other than an authorized law enforcement officer with proper permits may bring or attempt to bring a firearm or other dangerous weapon into any of the buildings referred to in this Order. Other than U.S. Marshals, U.S. Court Security Officers, Federal Protective Service

police officers and contract guards and Federal law enforcement officers with offices within the United States Courthouse or Federal court facility, all law enforcement officers must secure all firearms and dangerous weapons with the United States Marshal's Service. Federal law enforcement officers, with offices in the United States Courthouse or Federal court facility, shall secure their firearms in their offices.

DATED this 17th day of August, 2001.

/s/	/s/		
FRED VAN SICKLE	WM. FREMMING NIELSEN		
CHIEF U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE	U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE		
/s/	/s/		
JUSTIN L. QUACKENBUSH	ROBERT H. WHALEY		
SENIOR U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE	U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE		
/s/	/s/		
ALAN A. MCDONALD	EDWARD F. SHEA		
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