

U.S. DISTRICT COURT

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

AMENDED GENERAL ORDER REGARDING COURTHOUSE SECURITY

The text of General Order No. 04-7 regarding courthouse security is hereby **AMENDED**¹ as follows:

The Marshals Service is **DIRECTED** to adopt procedures:

- (1) Excluding the carrying of weapons by persons other than U.S. Marshals, deputy marshals and their designees in all federal courthouses and off-site federal court facilities in the Eastern District of Texas, with the exception of off-site U.S. Probation facilities;
- (2) Prohibiting persons other than federal court and U.S. Attorney's Office personnel from bringing cameras (including portable telephone cameras) and electronic devices (including video and audio tape recorders, <u>and</u> laptop computers and personal pagers) into the courthouses, unless granted permission by the judge in whose courtroom the device is to be used. Portable telephones not having photographic capabilities may be brought into the courthouses, but must be turned off while inside all courtrooms. <u>Personal pagers may be brought into courthouses as long as they are kept on silent, vibrate mode;</u> and
- (3) for posting this notice at the public entrances of the courthouses in the district.

This order **SUPERCEDES** General Order No. <u>04-7</u>.

¹New language appears in <u>underlined</u> text; deleted language appears in strikeout text.

General Order No. 04-9

SO ORDERED.

SIGNED this the 24 day of March, 2004.

FOR THE COURT:

THAD HEARTFIELD, CHIEF JUDGE