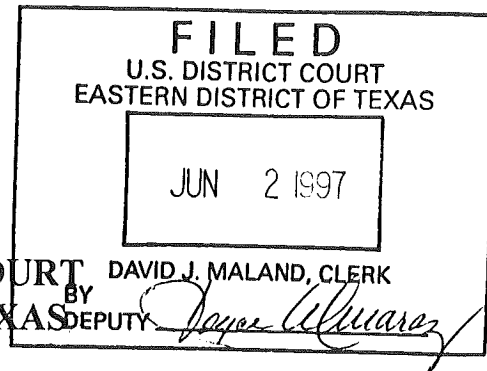


General Order No. 97-11



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

AUTHORIZATION FOR U.S. PROBATION OFFICERS TO CARRY FIREARMS

It appearing that to insure their safety, the probation officers of this Court may require the carrying of firearms in the execution of their official duties.

Now, therefore, it is ORDERED that pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3603(9), each regularly appointed probation officer of this Court is authorized to carry a firearm for self defense purposes during the performance of his or her duties when qualified and authorized by the chief probation officer.

It is further ORDERED that probation officers carrying firearms comply with all rules and regulations governing the carrying of firearms by such officers, including the firearms policy of this District, the firearms regulations of the Director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, and the national firearms policy.

Signed this 27th day of May, 1997.

FOR THE COURT:

Richard A. Schell
RICHARD A. SCHELL
Chief Judge