

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

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AT ROANOKE, VA  
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JULIA C. DUDLEY, CLERK  
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In Re: )  
          )                   **STANDING ORDER**  
          )                   **No. 2018-5**  
**Possessions of Firearms,**        )  
**Dangerous Weapons, and**        )  
**Body Armor Inside Courthouses**    )

It appearing proper, it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

1. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 930, and except as provided in Paragraph 2 of this Standing Order, no person shall possess a firearm or other dangerous weapon within a courthouse in this District.
2. Law enforcement officers, regardless of jurisdiction, will secure all firearms in U.S. Marshals Service-provided gun storage located near entry screening. This includes all officers—federal, state, and local—with the exception of the following officers, who shall be deemed exempt:
  - a. Court Security Officers;
  - b. U.S. Marshals, including their Contract Guards;
  - c. Federal Protective Service officers;
  - d. Federal law enforcement officers whose offices are located in a courthouse within this District;
  - e. Federal Probation Officers;
  - f. Law enforcement officers in direct control of prisoners, as authorized by the Marshals Service;
  - g. Law enforcement officers acting in a dignitary protection role, as authorized by the Marshals Service; and
  - h. Law enforcement officers acting in an emergency situation to prevent serious bodily injury or death.
3. Nothing in this Order shall prevent an officer listed as exempt from carrying a firearm or other dangerous weapon within a courthouse in this District.
4. All weapons brought in by law enforcement officers for judicial proceedings (e.g., evidence) will be secured and handled in accordance with U.S. District Court rules or guidance. Firearms will be inspected by the U.S. Marshals

Service operational personnel to ensure they are unloaded, inoperable, and otherwise incapable of being discharged. Flexible plastic cuffs shall be used to prohibit the operation of the firearm.

5. The possession or wearing of body armor, which is defined under 18 U.S.C. § 921(35) as a personal protective body covering intended to protect against gunfire, regardless of whether the product is to be worn alone or is sold as a complement to another product or garment, is prohibited in federal court facilities or court-occupied spaces, except for introduction as evidence in a court case or as authorized equipment for law enforcement personnel who enter such facilities or space for law enforcement purposes.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to enter this Standing Order in the order books for each Division of this Court and to certify a copy of this Order to the United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia.

ENTER this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018.

*/s/ Michael F. Urbanski*

/s/  
Chief United States District Judge