

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND WEAPONS
WITHIN THE UNITED STATES COURTHOUSES
IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 154**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The following procedures will apply to all persons, including law enforcement personnel, as it relates to possession of firearms in Western District of New York Courthouses¹:

1. All persons, including law enforcement officers, other than United States Marshals Service (USMS) employees, are required to leave their firearms or weapons at Court Security Officer (CSO) Post 1² weapons lock up point for safekeeping before they are admitted to the Courthouse past CSO Post 1.³
2. The possession of firearms or weapons in a courtroom is limited to employees of the USMS.
3. In the event that a high security or high safety risk exists in a courtroom, other law enforcement officers may be allowed to possess weapons if authorized by the U.S. Marshal or his designee, with the consent and approval of the presiding judge.

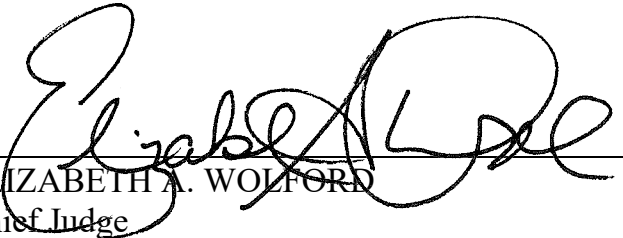
¹ For purposes of this General Order, the Courthouse at the Kenneth B. Keating Federal Building refers to the court spaces in that federal building.

² USMS provides secure storage areas for weapons located in the first-floor lobby of each Courthouse at CSO Post 1.

³ United States Probation Officers (USPO) for the Western District of New York, Federal Protective Services Police (FPS) and their Physical Security Officers (PSO) are not required to lock up their firearms or weapons while on duty, but they are not permitted to possess their firearms in a courtroom except pursuant to the terms of paragraph 3 herein.

4. The U.S. Marshal or his designee may authorize other law enforcement officers to possess weapons inside the Courthouse based on his or his designees' discretion.
5. The effective date of this Order shall be January 25, 2022.

SO ORDERED.


ELIZABETH A. WOLFORD
Chief Judge
United States District Court

Dated: January 20, 2022
Rochester, New York