UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

ORDER REGARDING WEAPONS IN THE WARREN B. RUDMAN U.S. COURTHOUSE AND JAMES C. CLEVELAND FEDERAL BUILDING ADM-1 ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 21-4

<u>ORDER</u>

- <u>General Rule</u>. Except as provided herein, law enforcement officers or agents shall deposit any firearm with the United States Marshals Service ("USMS") immediately upon entering the Warren B. Rudman U.S. Courthouse and the James C. Cleveland Federal Building (hereinafter referred to collectively as "federal campus"). All requests to bring a weapon into the federal campus by a person not authorized to do so by this order shall be referred to the USMS.
- <u>Federal Officers.</u> The following persons may carry weapons in the federal campus or on its grounds: United States Marshal, Deputy United States Marshals, Court Security Officers, Federal Protective Service Officers, Protective Service Officers, and law enforcement officers of a federal campus tenant agency, such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- 3. <u>Law Enforcement Weapons in Courtroom.</u> Only the United States Marshal, Deputy United States Marshals, and Court Security Officers may carry weapons in a courtroom.
- <u>USMS District Security Officers (DSO)</u>. Officers acting in the capacity of a District Security Officer (contracted to transport and secure federal prisoners) may carry weapons on the federal campus with the authorization of the USMS.

- 5. <u>Prisoner Interviews</u>. Law enforcement officers or agents may carry weapons while maintaining official custody of a prisoner on the grounds of the federal campus for an interview/debriefing in the United States Attorney's Office.
- Protection Details. Law enforcement officers assigned to a protection detail for an individual visiting the federal campus may carry weapons with the authorization of the USMS.
- 7. <u>New Hampshire Law Enforcement Officers</u>. New Hampshire law enforcement officers performing official duties while in uniform may carry weapons on the federal campus if they can be positively identified, and have no plan, intention or assignment involving entry into a courtroom.
- 8. Exhibits. Any person bringing a weapon into the federal campus that is intended to be introduced as an exhibit shall contact the USMS one week prior to the scheduled proceeding involved, and make arrangements to enter the federal campus with the weapon for its inspection by USMS personnel. No weapon may be brought into the federal campus or taken into a courtroom unless it is first presented to the USMS for a safety check and the Marshal or a Deputy Marshal reports to the clerk that the check has been completed and the weapon cannot be chambered. The USMS may require the installation of a lock or other device to make the weapon inoperable. If securing a weapon in this manner has potential to raise evidentiary issues at trial, upon application to the presiding judge, for good cause, the court may order exceptions to this policy in writing on a case-by-case basis.

9. <u>Enforcement</u>. The United States Marshal has the responsibility of administering and enforcing this policy through the Deputy Marshals and Court Security Officers.

SO ORDERED.

Landya B. McCafferty, Chief Judge United States District Court

Dated: January 26, 2021