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United States District Court
Northern District of Ohio
General Order

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2002-62

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

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| IN RE: FIREARMS POLICY FOR THE |) | |
| CARL B. STOKES U.S. COURT |) | ORDER NO. 2002-62 |
| HOUSE CLEVELAND, OHIO |) | |
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At the regular judges' meeting held on December 2, 2002, the Court approved the following firearms policy to be enforced in the Carl B. Stokes U.S. Court House, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio.

1. **General Rule.** Except as otherwise provided in Section 5 hereof, no person (including any local, state or federal law enforcement officer) other than the United States Marshal, Deputy U.S. Marshal, a Court Security Officer, a Federal Judge, a Federal Protective Service Officer or Contract Guard, or a Federal Law Enforcement Officer permanently housed in the court house, shall carry a weapon in the Carl B. Stokes U.S. Court House.

2. **Tenant Agencies.** Law enforcement personnel that are permanent tenants of the court house are authorized to carry firearms directly to/from the agency office within the court house. The firearms are not to be carried during general movement within the court house. The firearms are not to be carried into any courtroom at any time except as otherwise provided in Section 5 hereof.

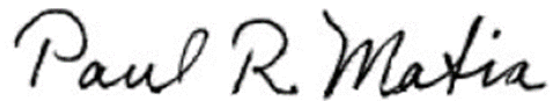
3. **Depositing of Weapons.** Except as otherwise provided herein or unless otherwise specifically authorized by the U.S. Marshal or his designee, all law enforcement officers shall deposit any weapon with the United States Marshals Service Court Security Officers at the screening post immediately upon entering the court house or at the United States Marshals Service gun lockers located in the prisoner sallyport.

4. **Exhibits.** Any person bringing any weapon into the court house that is intended to be introduced as an exhibit shall take the weapon to the United States Marshals Service Court Security Officer at the screening post immediately upon entering the court house. The firearm should be rendered secure prior to it being presented to the Court Security Officer for inspection. No firearm may be taken into a courtroom unless it is first presented to the United States Marshals Service for a safety check and a Deputy Marshal reports to the clerk that the check has been completed and the weapon is secured.

5. **Exceptions.** With the prior approval of the U.S. Marshal, or his designee, any law enforcement officer may be authorized to carry firearms in the court house for special cause.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul R. Matia". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Paul R. Matia
Chief Judge
United States District Court