

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY  
GENERAL ORDER NO. 2009-03**

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §930, the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky hereby exercises its authority to promulgate rules or orders regulating, restricting or prohibiting the possession of weapons within any building housing this court or any of its proceedings, or upon any grounds appurtenant to such building:

It is Ordered that the United States Marshal Service and Court Security Officers are authorized to carry firearms within all U.S. Courthouses in all divisions of the Western District.

It is Ordered that the Federal Protective Service, which reports to the General Services Administration, shall be authorized to carry weapons in all court-related space, based on U.S. Marshal direction as to times and areas of firearm possession.

In Bowling Green, Owensboro and Paducah, no other person employed by any state or federal or local agency shall be authorized to carry firearms in federal courthouses, except when the U.S. Marshal's Office needs assistance in connection with prisoner security, in which case the presiding judge shall be notified immediately of such possession.

In the Louisville courthouse, no other agency, except those persons expressly provided for herein, shall be authorized to carry a firearm on the second floor, fifth floor, or in the first floor courtroom and chambers, except with the express authorization of a judge.

The Federal Probation Office is authorized to carry firearms as described in other Orders of this court, which remain in force.

This Order supercedes General Order 89-3-22.

This 18 day of December, 2009.



Thomas B. Russell  
Chief Judge, U.S. District Court  
Western District of Kentucky

