UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SUBJECT:

POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND AND WEAPONS IN THE COURTROOMS.

ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER

The following procedures will apply to all persons, including law enforcement personnel, as it relates to possession of firearms or weapons in the courtroom:

GENERAL

- a. Possession of firearms or weapons in the courtroom is limited to the employees of the United States Marshals Service.
- b. All persons, including law enforcement officers, other than USMS employees, are required to leave their firearms or weapons at the Marshals Office for safekeeping before they will be admitted to a courtroom.

NOTE: The Marshals Service provides secure storage areas for weapons, located in the first floor lobby of the courthouse, and the Marshals Office, Room 702 (Buffalo); and the Marshals Office, second floor, Room 284 (Rochester).

- c. The general policy will apply to all court related appearances with the exception of initial appearances, and high threat, high security situations, as outlined below.
 - When a defendant is initially arrested and brought to court for an initial appearance, the arresting officers will be allowed to possess

weapons in the courtroom.

2. In situations where a high security, high safety risk exists in the courtroom, other law enforcement officers may be allowed to possess weapons in the courtroom, provided that they work under the direct supervision of the U.S. Marshal or his designee, and that it meets with the consent and approval of the presiding judge.

ALL OF THE ABOVE IS SO ORDERED.

MICHAEL A. TELESCA

Chief Judge

United States District Court Western District of New York

DATED: Rochester, New York, January /7 , 1989.

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY
U.S. DISTRICT COURT, WDNY
MICHAEL J. KAPLAN, CLERK

That Jan. 17.1989