

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**IN RE:** :  
: **STANDING ORDER 15-3**  
**WEAPONS IN THE COURTROOM** :

**ORDER**

AND NOW, this 15th day of May, 2015, upon consideration of the memorandum of understanding regarding court security dated January 21, 2004, and entered by the United States Department of Homeland Security, the United States Department of Justice, and the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, delegating to the United States Marshals Service sole responsibility for provision of security services to the Federal Judiciary, including protection during court proceedings, and the court concluding that judicial security considerations compel restrictions on the presence of weapons in the courtrooms of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, see 18 U.S.C. §930(f) (“Nothing in this section limits the power of a court of the United States . . . to promulgate rules or orders regulating, restricting, or prohibiting the possession of weapons within any building housing such court . . .”), it is hereby ORDERED that permission to carry weapons in the courtrooms of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania is granted exclusively to Deputy United States Marshals and Court Security Officers, for the purpose of providing judicial and courtroom security. Exceptions to this order may be granted upon application to and approval by the United States Marshal for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.



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Christopher C. Conner, Chief Judge  
United States District Court  
Middle District of Pennsylvania