

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

IN RE:

POSSESSION AND USE OF
ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN
COURTHOUSES

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ORDER

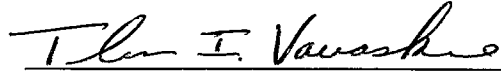
NOW, THIS 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1999, the Board of Judges having decided at its October 1, 1999 meeting to modify Standing Order 95-1, which requires the removal of all electronic devices from all persons entering the secured areas of court facilities in this District, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** all electronic equipment such as radios, cameras, video cameras, cellular telephones, notebook or similar computers, pagers, dictation equipment and similar devices are prohibited in any secured area of a courthouse or other location in this District where proceedings of the Court are being conducted, and shall be removed from any person entering a secured area of a building housing court facilities in this District, except as set forth hereafter:

An attorney appearing before a judicial officer of this Court shall be permitted to carry into a secured area of a courthouse cellular telephones, paging devices, and notebook or similar computers; provided that

- a. All electronic devices are subject to appropriate screening by court security personnel.

b. Cell phones and paging devices shall be turned off in all courtrooms and chambers unless otherwise ordered.

This Order supercedes Standing Order 95-1 (March 27, 1995) and any other prior related order(s).



Thomas I. Vanaskie, Chief Judge
Middle District of Pennsylvania

DATE: October 6, 1999