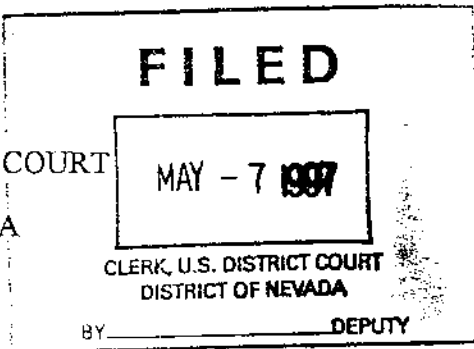


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA



IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZATION)
FOR PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICERS)
TO CARRY FIREARMS IN THE)
PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL)
DUTIES)

SECOND AMENDED
SPECIAL ORDER NO. 68

The Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1996 (Pub. L. No. 104-317), 110 Stat. 3847 (Oct. 19, 1996)) included authority for probation and pretrial services officers to carry firearms in the performance of their official duties. Title 18, United States Code, Section 3154(13) states:

“If approved by the district court, be authorized to carry firearms under such rules and regulations as the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts may prescribe.”

This statute and the Regulations of the Director of the Administrative Office replace the Judicial Conference policy of 1975 (and the March 6-7, 1985, amendment to include pretrial services officers) which authorized officers to carry firearms.

Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that U.S. Pretrial Services Officers for the District of Nevada are authorized to carry firearms in the performance of their official duties under the following conditions:

- I. The carrying of firearms shall be in conformity with the Firearms Policy, District of Nevada, United States Pretrial Services Office, adopted by this Court on September 27, 1988, (Amended December 1995), and the Regulations of the Director of the Administrative Office concerning carrying and using firearms by United States Probation and Pretrial Services Officers, copies of which are attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof;


1 II. A pretrial services officer may carry a firearm under the following conditions:

- 2 a. The officer has presented to the chief pretrial services officer
3 sufficient reasons in writing why the carrying of a firearm is
4 reasonably necessary (A) in the performance of the officer's
5 duties, or (B) in the performance of the officer's duties in
6 connection with a specific assignment. Sufficient reasons for
7 carrying a firearm are that an assignment or an officer's duties
8 generally subject the officer to serious risk of physical harm and
9 that other methods of protection are not appropriate or available
10 under the circumstances.
- 11 b. The approval of the request has been granted in writing by the
12 chief pretrial services officer.
- 13 c. The pretrial services officer has completed the National Firearms
14 Training Program for U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Officers
15 and has been qualified thereunder to carry a firearm.

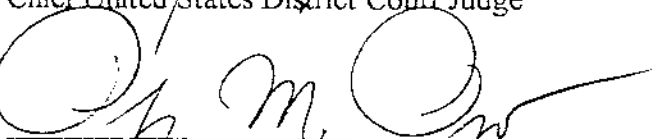
16 III. Pretrial services officers who elect to carry a firearm must read and sign the
17 Firearms Policy Statement adopted by the Pretrial Services Office and acknow-
18 ledge they understand and agree to the rules and regulations of the adopted
19 Firearms Policy Statement and;

20 IV. The carrying of a firearm is only authorized in the performance of the pretrial
21 services officers' official duties and shall only be utilized for self-defense, or to
22 protect a fellow officer from death or grievous bodily harm.

23 DATED this 1st day of May, 1997.

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25 LLOYD D. GEORGE
26 Chief United States District Court Judge

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28 HOWARD D. MCKIBBEN
United States District Court Judge


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