UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
All Divisions

IN RE: Administrative Orders of the District Court Case No. 3:40-mc-13

ORDER ADOPTING REVISED
POLICY ON POSSESSION OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The Court hereby adopts the attached revised Policy on Possession of Electronic Devices within the courthouses of this District. The same is effective immediately.

The Clerk of Court is directed to disseminate it to all Court personnel and members of the media and post the same on the Court's websites.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this the 1st day of November 2026.

s/ Halil Suleyman Ozerden
HALIL SULEYMAN OZERDEN
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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POLICY ON POSSESSION OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Subject to the exceptions listed below, no electronic devices capable of recording or transmitting (including broadcasting or streaming) photographs, video, or audio are allowed in the courthouses of this District. Electronic devices prohibited by this policy include any device that has (or is) a camera or microphone. For example, prohibited devices include but are not limited to mobile phones, laptop computers, iPads and other tablet-style computers, smart watches, smart glasses, cameras, and any other wireless communication devices.

Exceptions to this policy are as follows:

- Court employees and tenants of the courthouse may bring their electronic devices into the courthouse.
- Attorneys and their support staff (provided that person is directly involved in litigation currently being conducted in this Court) may bring their mobile phones, laptop computers, iPads and other tablet-style computers, and smart watches into the courthouse. Attorneys and applicable support staff are not permitted to bring in electronic devices for others, including clients.
- A judge presiding over a specific matter in this Court may grant permission for other persons to bring specific electronic devices into the courthouse for a specified proceeding.

Notwithstanding these exceptions on who may bring electronic devices into a courthouse in this District, it is impermissible for any person to record or transmit (including broadcasting or streaming) any photographs, video, or audio of any court proceedings or inside of any courthouse of this District. This prohibition also applies to all court proceedings conducted via telephone or video conference; no person may record or transmit (whether by broadcast, streaming, or otherwise) any such proceedings.

Failure to comply with this policy may result in sanctions.

The Court does not have a secure area in which these devices can be stored. Any person attempting to enter a courthouse in this District with such a device will be barred from entering the courthouse and advised to leave it at another location.