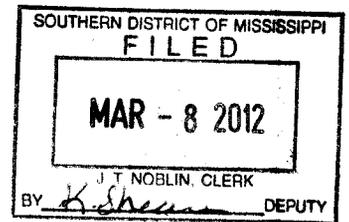


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTS
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI



IN RE: **POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND KNIVES**

ORDER

All visitors to courthouse grounds in the Southern District of Mississippi will be screened for security purposes. Agents of the United States Probation Office are permitted to have firearms on the courthouse grounds. The possession of firearms or knives by any other person not specifically authorized by the Marshals Service or the Federal Protective Service is prohibited, and no such items are allowed on the courthouse grounds, unless specifically authorized by a judge of this Court. All unauthorized persons, including law enforcement personnel, who possess firearms and wish to enter courthouse grounds must check their weapons with the Court Security Officers manning the security entry station at the entry to the courthouse grounds.

The term "courthouse grounds" includes the following areas:

The United States Courthouse, 501 E. Court Street, Jackson, Mississippi,

The Dan M. Russell, Jr. United States Courthouse, 2012 15th Street, Gulfport, Mississippi,

The United States Courthouse and Federal Building, 701 N. Main Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi,

The United States Courthouse, 109 S. Pearl Street, Natchez, Mississippi,

The United States Post Office and Courthouse, 2100 Ninth Street, Meridian, Mississippi,

as well as any other property used from time to time by the federal court for the purposes of

conducting federal court proceedings, on the days that such court proceedings take place.

“Courthouse grounds” also includes the parking lots of these courthouses or other buildings.

This prohibition shall not apply to firearms lawfully possessed and kept in locked vehicles authorized to be parked in courthouse parking lots, as long as the firearm is kept in such vehicle and not accessed while the vehicle is parked on courthouse grounds.

This Order will be available to the public, and a copy will be sent to the United States Marshal for the Southern District of Mississippi.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this the 8th day of March, 2012.

s/ Louis Guirola, Jr.
LOUIS GUIROLA, JR.
CHIEF U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE