

LGnR5 – Courthouse Access and Security

LGnR5-1 Courthouse Access.

(a) In General. As used in this rule, "court facility" includes any facility occupied by the United States District Court.

(b) Identification. All persons entering a court facility in the Northern District of Oklahoma are required to present a valid government-issued identification card with photo. A [list of acceptable identifications](#) is available ~~from the Court Clerk's office and~~ on the Court's website. Any visitor under the age of 18 without an adult escort, who offers a school-issued identification card, shall be allowed access to the court facility. Any person who refuses to present a valid form of identification shall be denied entrance.

(c) Screening. All visitors to a court facility must pass through a security screening device and have all belongings and packages subject to physical and/or security screening examination by the United States Marshals Service, court security officers, and employees of the Federal Protective Service. Any person who refuses to pass through screening shall be denied entrance. Whenever any person who activates the detector wishes to gain access to court facilities, such person must submit to a reasonable, limited search of his or her person and property in order to determine the existence of, if any, illegal, explosive, or dangerous items that might cause injury to persons or property.

LGnR5-2 Possession and Use of Weapons and Destructive Devices.

(a) Weapons in the Court Facilities. No persons, other than the following, shall wear or bring any firearm or other weapon into the court facilities, unless specifically authorized by the Court:

- (1) United States Marshal and deputy marshals,
- (2) court security officers, and
- (3) Federal Protective Service officers.

(b) Exceptions. With prior notification and approval of the United States Marshal, officers and agencies assisting in the transportation of federal prisoners, officers and agencies assisting the United States Attorney's office, and United States Postal Inspectors may retain their firearms. However, such approval will not be given under any circumstance that would allow firearms on the third or fourth floor of the Page Belcher Federal Building or in the Boulder Federal Building. The United States Marshal is directed to bring this rule to the attention of the officers and agencies whose officers may have occasion to carry firearms and who may come to any court facility of the Northern District of Oklahoma.

(c) Evidence Firearms. All firearms to be introduced as evidence must be checked by the United States Marshal ~~prior to~~before court and rendered safe. Those firearms requiring chain-of-evidence control may, at the time custody is established and while court is in session, be made safe by the United States Marshal or a court security officer.

(d) Probation Officers. To ensure their safety, the probation officers of this Court may require the carrying of firearms in the execution of their official duties. The Chief Probation Officer, pursuant to

18 U.S.C. § 3603(9), may authorize each regularly appointed probation officer of this Court to carry a firearm for self-defense purposes in the performance of his or her duties.

The Chief Probation Officer, pursuant to the Guide to Judiciary Policy, Vol 8, Ch 5, may authorize each regularly appointed probation officer to carry Oleoresin Capsicum for self-defense purposes in the performance of his or her duties.

LGr5-3 Perimeter Security.

(a) Page Belcher Building. Regarding the Page Belcher Building located at 333 W. 4th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, the Court directs the United States Marshal to enforce all laws relating to the perimeter and to establish such rules and restrictions as deemed necessary to protect the federal judiciary. The Marshal may defer to postal authorities and their regulations in those areas specifically designated for postal employees and postal customers; however, the United States Marshal may, when deemed necessary for the safety of the federal judiciary, implement and enforce perimeter security measures in all areas around the building.

(b) Boulder Building. Regarding the Tulsa Federal Building located at 224 S. Boulder Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, the Court directs the United States Marshal, in conjunction with the Federal Protective Service, ~~is directed~~ to enforce all laws relating to the perimeter and to establish such rules and restrictions as deemed necessary to protect the federal judiciary, including enforcement of restricted parking around the building. The Court requested in writing that the City of Tulsa grant jurisdiction and authority for the United States Marshal Service to enforce all laws relating to such perimeter and establish rules and restrictions as deemed necessary, including the determination and enforcement of restricted parking around such building perimeter. The City of Tulsa has, pursuant to such request, granted the requested authority. Parking spaces around the perimeter of the Tulsa Federal Building will be assigned to judicial employees by the Clerk of the District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Minor changes for consistency.