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## **PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE**

The United States Courthouses and Federal Buildings (“Facilities”) in the Eastern District of Washington serve the public through a variety of governmental agencies that are located in these Facilities. In addition to the Federal District Courts and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies, the Facilities also provide office and meeting room space for numerous government agencies and departments that provide information and service to the public. Occasionally, these Facilities serve as the venue for various citizens groups to lawfully assemble peacefully to express their points of view.

The U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) and the Federal Protective Service (FPS) are charged with the protection and security of employees and visitors to all of the United States Courthouses and Federal Buildings in the Eastern District of Washington. It is important to communicate any restrictions to the public and courthouse tenants. To that end Craig Thayer, United States Marshal, and Michael C. Ormsby, United States Attorney, for the Eastern District of Washington, announced that weapon restrictions, including firearms, pertain to these courthouse facilities and grounds appurtenant to the United States Courthouses within the Eastern District of Washington. These restrictions include those contained in Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 930(f) and in the Eastern Washington United States District Court General Order 13-54-1 regarding Security of and Entry into U. S. Courthouses and Federal Court Facilities in the Eastern District of Washington. This order was supplemented on March 2, 2015, by General Order 15-54-1 signed by Chief United States District Court Judge Rosanna Malouf Peterson. General Order 15-54-1 extends weapons restrictions to include the federal property and grounds appurtenant to the U. S. Courthouses

within the Eastern District of Washington. The Orders, and all other orders, can be accessed on-line at [www.waed.uscourts.gov](http://www.waed.uscourts.gov) > Local Rules & General Orders.

Primary enforcement of the General Order is vested in the United States Marshal and the Federal Protective Service. A violation of the Court's General Order regarding security and entry into a U.S. Courthouse is a crime and punishable as criminal contempt of court or otherwise. Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 930(f) can be prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office.

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