

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

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BUSINESS OF THE COURT)
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

By direction of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Electronic Device Policy as previously adopted by the Court Security Committee remains in effect:

(1) All persons granted entrance into the Thomas F. Eagleton Courthouse are permitted to possess electronic devices such as smartphones, any cellular or mobile devices, computers, or other electronic equipment and web-enabled equipment, while inside the Courthouse; and

(2) Before persons with electronic devices are granted entry into the Courthouse, all devices must be examined by Court Security Personnel. This examination includes, but is not limited to placing the device through an automatic or electronic screening and inspection system and requiring the person possessing the device to turn the power to the device off and then on; and

(3) Unless specifically authorized by the Court or a judge (including but not limited to attorneys using an electronic device in a pending matter), persons possessing an electronic device may use their device while in common areas of the courthouse, such as lobbies, but the power to all electronic devices shall be turned off upon entry to a courtroom; nor shall persons be permitted to leave electronic devices on when entering courtrooms by placing the device in airplane mode or placing the ringer of the device to vibrate instead of making an audible ring; and

(4) The United States Marshals Service is hereby directed to enforce this Order and, in doing so, may confiscate the electronic device from any person violating this Order;

(5) If the United States Marshals Service determines that a heightened security threat exists, the United States Marshals Service may restrict electronic devices from entering the building until the United States Marshals Service determines that the heightened security threat is over.

SO ORDERED this 24th day of August, 2017.



RODNEY W. SIPPEL
CHIEF JUDGE