

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
22-SO-2-M

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IN RE:)
) ORDER
PROHIBITION OF)
WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES)

In the interest of safety and security, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES ARE PROHIBITED AT ALL COURT FACILITIES in this District. This ORDER applies to the following devices: cell phones, tablets, smart watches, laptop computers, and all similar devices that have the capability of recording or transmitting sound, pictures, and/or video using wireless technology or other means.

Only the following categories of persons are EXEMPT from this ORDER: U.S. Government tenants (or their visitors) co-located in buildings containing courtroom facilities, court employees (including contract court reporters and interpreters), U.S. Attorney, Federal Public Defender, U.S. Marshal, and employees thereof, Court Security Officers, federal law enforcement personnel, and attorneys on court business provided that their possession and use of wireless communication devices in courtroom facilities is related to their official duties. Exempt persons using wireless communication devices for evidence presentation or for other similar purposes are ORDERED to notify the court prior to the commencement of any proceeding that such a device is in their possession. With regard to stenotype wireless equipment, court reporters are restricted to using point-to-point wireless configurations to ensure confidentiality and integrity of court proceedings.

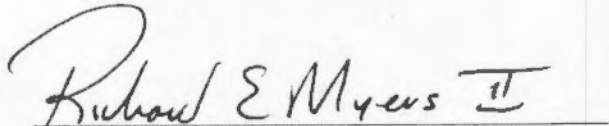
Judges may permit additional EXCEPTIONS to this ORDER, including permitting grand and petit jurors to possess cell phones in court facilities, upon application and for good cause shown, or as otherwise directed by the court.

When a MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC or other person prohibited by this ORDER from entering courtroom facilities with a wireless communication device is found to have such item(s) in his/her possession, the Court Security Officer(s) will advise the person that he/she should store the device in a nearby home, office, or motor vehicle. If this option is not practicable, then the Court Security Officer may, at his or her discretion, agree to place the item(s) in a suitable storage facility, it being understood that the Court Security Officer(s) and United States Government assume no responsibility for damage or loss to said item(s).

NOTICE of this ORDER shall be POSTED by the Clerk of Court outside all courtroom facilities and at all security posts manned by Court Security Officers. This ORDER also shall be POSTED on the Eastern District of North Carolina internet website, and a copy provided on request to any interested person.

This Standing Order supersedes any and all inconsistent provisions in existing local rules, other prior standing orders of this court (including Standing Order 05-PLR-7), and any applicable policy or guidance manuals previously issued by the court.

SO ORDERED this 28th day of October, 2022.


RICHARD E. MYERS II
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE