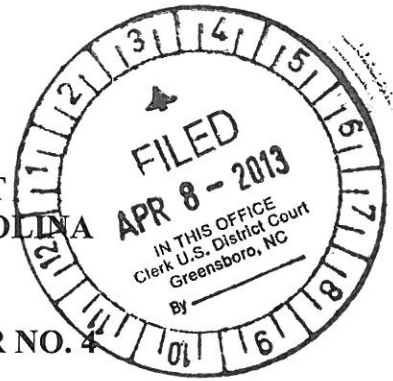


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA



DISCRETIONARY CARRYING OF )  
FIREARMS BY UNITED STATES )  
PROBATION OFFICERS )

STANDING ORDER NO. 4

This standing order supersedes Standing Order Number 17, signed and filed on December 21, 2004.

The carrying of firearms by the United States Probation Officers is authorized by 18 U.S.C. §§ 3603(9), subject to approval by the District Court and under such rules and regulations as the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts may prescribe. It is recognized that probation officers are at risk of physical harm in the performance of their official duties. In the Middle District of North Carolina, probation officers have been the recipients of attempted assaults and threats, both real and implied.

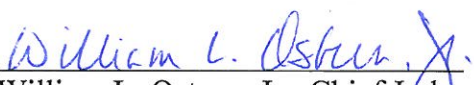
It is now, therefore, ordered that probation officers in the Middle District of North Carolina receive authorization to carry firearms in connection with their official duties pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3603(9), regulations promulgated by the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, and additional policies of this district as noted in this order.

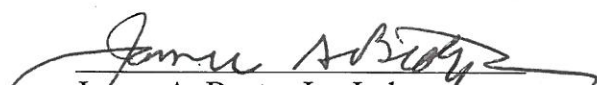
Standards for the Authorization and Procedures for Obtaining Authority to Carry a Firearm


1. The probation officer has completed the national and/or district firearms training programs for probation officers and has qualified thereunder to carry a firearm.
2. The probation officer has presented to the Chief U.S. Probation Officer sufficient reasons in writing why the carrying of the firearm is reasonably necessary (a) in the performance of his/her general duties, or (b) in the performance of a specified assignment.
3. Permission to carry a firearm has been granted in writing by the Chief U. S. Probation Officer and the Chief U.S. District Judge.


4. Re-qualification will be scheduled in compliance with the policy established by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Firearms Procedures Manual and/or more frequently subject to the availability of funds as directed by the Chief U.S. Probation Officer. Probation officers unable to re-qualify may be prohibited from carrying a duty issued firearm by the Chief U.S. Probation Officer until they have re-qualified, and shall be prohibited from carrying a firearm if they have not re-qualified within 12 months of their qualification or re-qualification.
  
5. Except as provided for in the Firearms Regulations of the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Section II(B)(2), permission to carry a firearm may be withdrawn from any probation officer at any time by the Chief U. S. Probation Officer at his/her discretion.

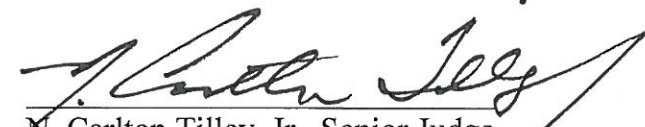
This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013

  
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William L. Osteen, Jr., Chief Judge  
United States District Court

  
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James A. Beaty, Jr., Judge  
United States District Court

  
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N. Carlton Tilley, Jr., Senior Judge  
United States District Court