

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE	§	Entered June 13, 1997
AUTHORIZATION FOR	§	
U. S. PROBATION AND	§	GENERAL ORDER NO. 1997-4
PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICERS	§	
TO CARRY FIREARMS	§	

ORDER

To insure their safety, the probation and pretrial services officers of this Court may require the carrying of firearms in the execution of their official duties.

It is, therefore, ORDERED that, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3603(9) and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3154(13), each regularly scheduled probation and pretrial services officer of this Court is authorized to carry a firearm for self-defense purposes during the performance of his or her duties, when qualified and authorized by the chief probation or pretrial services officer.

It is further ORDERED that probation and pretrial service officers carrying firearms shall comply with all rules and regulations governing the carrying of firearms by such officers, including the firearms policy of this District, the firearms regulations of the Director of the Administrative Office of the U. S. Courts, and the national firearms policy. This order was authorized at a meeting of the Judges of this Court on February 13, 1997 at Brownsville, Texas.

Done at Laredo, Texas, this 13th day of June, 1997.

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George P. Kazen
Chief United States District Judge