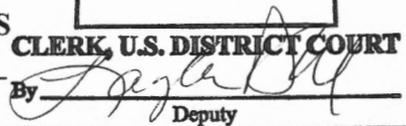


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Firearms Policy

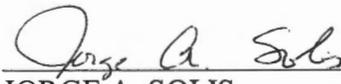
United States Probation and Pretrial Services Officers (officers) in the Northern District of Texas are authorized to carry government-issued firearms under 18 U.S.C. § 3154(13) and 18 U.S.C. § 3603(9) when approved by the Probation Chief. An officer who carries a government-issued firearm must know and adhere to rules and regulations concerning firearms as prescribed and amended from time to time by the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and this court. Failure to comply with these rules and regulations may lead to the loss of an officer's authorization to carry a firearm and other disciplinary action as determined by the Probation Chief.

Each officer who is authorized to carry a firearm should practice with the officer's government-issued firearm on a regular basis to ensure proficiency and safety. When resources are available, ammunition may be purchased with appropriated funds to use for practice with a government-issued firearm. Only commercially manufactured ammunition that approximates duty ammunition may be used for such practice. All practice sessions must be conducted at a shooting range that is specifically designed for firearms practice. With approval from the Probation Chief or a Deputy Chief, a district firearms instructor may accompany an officer to a shooting range for instruction and training.

Subject to the approval of district judges, this firearms policy may be modified as necessary at the discretion of the Probation Chief. This policy supersedes all previous firearms policies and is effective as of the date of this order.

SO ORDERED.

January 6, 2016.



JORGE A. SOLIS
CHIEF JUDGE