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

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GENERAL ORDER

It having come to the attention of the Court that this districts' local rules do not regulate cellular telephones in courthouses and courtrooms, and that recent technology has developed cellular telephones that have the capacity to make photographs and record sound, it is therefore,

ORDERED:

- 1) All cellular telephones must be turned off before being taken into any courtroom.
- 2) No cellular telephone that has the capacity to take photographs or record sound is allowed in any courthouse or courtroom.
- 3) A violation of this order shall result in a fine of at least \$100.00 or confiscation of the cellular telephone, at the discretion of the judge presiding at the time the offense occurs.

SIGNED this 1st day of August, 2003 with the consent of the active and senior judges.

[Signature]
WALTER S. SMITH, JR.
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

A true copy of the original, I certify,
Clerk, U. S. District Court

By [Signature]
Deputy