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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

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10 IN RE:

11 PERSONAL FIREARMS FOR COURT
12 SECURITY OFFICERS

GENERAL ORDER 05-21

13 This General Order addresses an issue recently raised by the Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal
14 for the Western District of Washington. Court Security Officers who work in and around the
15 Courthouses in this District are not currently permitted to carry personal firearms to and from
16 their assigned duty stations. Given the circumstances under which they serve the Court, and the
17 risk to their personal safety before and after they are on duty, the Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal has
18 requested permission for Court Security Officers to carry personal firearms while following strict
19 safety guidelines. The Court has agreed to adopt this policy.
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22 Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that qualified personnel of Constellis, Inc. (d/b/a Centerra
23 Group LLC., or its successors) may enter upon federal facilities of the Western District of
24 Washington in possession of a personally-owned firearm, to be used solely for self-protection,
25 while coming to or leaving their assigned duty stations. Court Security Officers may not carry
26 personal firearms while on duty.
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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal shall provide a policy
2 for said individuals, clearly setting forth parameters to carry a personal firearm while on federal
3 property. The policy shall provide clear direction to authorized individuals indicating the location
4 of on-premises secured storage for the placement of personal firearms during duty hours, any
5 specific limitations on where firearms may be carried, and a provision that anyone governed by
6 this policy must meet all Washington state permit requirements to carry a concealed firearm.
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8 Dated this 19th day of March, 2021.
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12 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
13 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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