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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

ORDER RE: ARRESTS IN FEDERAL COURT IN CONNECTICUT

ORDER

To ensure the orderly conduct of court proceedings and the safety of litigants, witnesses, attorneys, the public, and court personnel who enter or occupy its space, the Court issues the following order:

Except as provided below, no law enforcement agent or other person may arrest or detain any person on any floor of any building on which proceedings of this Court, including the Bankruptcy Court, may be held or on which the Clerk's Office is located, including: in any courtroom or any hallway, conference room, robing room, attorney or witness room, chambers, the Clerk's Office, elevator bank, public restroom or other area serving the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut (a "court-appurtenant space").

1. The U.S. Marshal or his deputy may detain individuals or make arrests, as authorized by law, in any space within any courthouse or federal building in this District, except that no non-criminal arrest may be made in any courtroom.

2. Court security officers may detain individuals and make criminal arrests in a courtroom or court-appurtenant space, under the supervision of and in coordination with the U.S. Marshal or his deputy, as necessary to ensure the orderly conduct of court proceedings and the safety and security of litigants, witnesses, attorneys, the public, and court personnel.

3. With respect to the Ribicoff Federal Building in Hartford, this order applies to all spaces within the Annex and within the Second and Seventh Floors of the main building. Until further order of this Court, this order does not apply to the Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Floors of the main building. For clarity, the Federal Protective Police and their contract security officers

may detain individuals and make arrests, as authorized by law and in accordance with their duties, on the First Floor of the main building and outside the building.

4. With respect to the Lee Courthouse and the McMahon Federal Building, this order applies to all spaces throughout the interior of each of those buildings, except that, with respect to the McMahon Building, the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigative Division and the Diplomatic Service may make an arrest, within the confines of their offices, of an investigative target who has voluntarily come to those offices.

5. Nothing in this order shall be construed to prohibit (1) the U.S. Marshal or his deputy from transferring to other law enforcement agents custody of a person presently in the custody of the Marshals Service, or (2) law enforcement agents who have arrested an individual elsewhere for a crime from bringing such an individual to court, transferring custody of such an individual to the U.S. Marshal in the cellblock operated by the U.S. Marshal, or bringing an individual arrested elsewhere for a crime to the Ribicoff or McMahon buildings for questioning in the agents' offices or the U.S. Attorney's Office; provided, however, that no transfer of custody may take place in any courtroom or court-appurtenant space serving the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut.

This Order is effective immediately. In addition to any other federal or state offenses, failure to comply with this Order is punishable as criminal contempt under 18 U.S.C. Sec. 401 by fine, imprisonment, or both.

SO ORDERED this 29th day of May, 2025 at Hartford, Connecticut.

/s/ Michael P. Shea
MICHAEL P. SHEA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE