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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
CLEVELAND

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 2006-11**


**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

IN RE: CELL PHONES	)	GENERAL ORDER NO. 2006-11
IN U.S. COURTHOUSES	)	
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1. The Interim Order captioned "In re: Cell Phones in U.S. Courthouses," entered April 20, 2006, is hereby vacated;
2. This Order acknowledges and reaffirms the Court's policy set forth in Local Rule 83.1 prohibiting "the taking of photographs in the courtroom or its environs, radio or television broadcasting, and the use of equipment incident to radio or television broadcasting from the courtroom or its environs, during the progress of and in connection with judicial proceedings, both civil and criminal, whether or not court is actually in session . . ." and the use or activation of audio and/or video cameras, audio recorders, and similar devices in the Court House.
3. Further, each Judicial Officer has the authority to prohibit cell phones, hand-held devices and/or laptop computers capable of taking, recording, storing, and/or transmitting audio, photo and/or video-data from their courtroom and chambers, and the presiding judge may direct screening procedures, to be conducted by the Court Security Officers.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

For the Court



James G. Carr  
Chief Judge  
United States District Court