UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

GENERAL ORDER 16 – 0016

GUIDELINES REGARDING THE USE OF QUINCY COURT

IT APPEARING THAT the Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse (Dirksen Courthouse) is located at 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT the Dirksen Courthouse is located immediately adjacent to the area referred to as Quincy Court (the area east of the Dirksen Courthouse between the State street sidewalk on the east, 11 West Quincy Court on the south and 220 South State on the north); and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT the General Services Administration (GSA) owns and manages all federal property including the Dirksen Courthouse and Quincy Court; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT in 2005, GSA was authorized by the United States Congress to purchase property adjacent to the Dirksen Courthouse to create a security buffer zone; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT 28 U.S.C. § 566(e)(1)(A) authorizes the United States Marshals Service to provide for the personal protection of "Federal jurists, court officers, witnesses, and other threatened persons" in the interest of justice where criminal intimidation impedes the functioning of the judicial process or any other official proceeding; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT 28 U.S.C § 566(i) vests the United States Marshals Service with final authority regarding security requirements for the judicial branch of the Federal Government; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT based on the 1982 Attorney General's Task Force Report on Court Security, the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts, and the Department of Justice's Vulnerability Assessment of Federal Facilities established the requirements for a Facility Security Committee; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois sits as Chair of the Facility Security Committee for the Dirksen Courthouse pursuant to the Judicial Conference of the United States; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT the Facility Security Committee regularly meets and is updated by the United States Marshals Service, Federal Protective Service, and other law enforcement agencies on matters that may impact the safety and security of the Dirksen Courthouse; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT the Federal Protective Service has law enforcement responsibilities pursuant to a series of Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) and Agreements with the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, the United States Marshals Service, and GSA; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT since 2008, the Dirksen Courthouse has been approved to be part of the Judicial Perimeter Security Program authorized by the United States Congress; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT as Chair of the Dirksen Courthouse Facility Security Committee, the Chief Judge of the District Court has been advised by the United States Marshals Service that reasonable and necessary security enhancements to the Dirksen Courthouse and Quincy Court area must be immediately implemented to ensure the safety and security of all judges, employees, jurors, and visitors to the Dirksen Courthouse;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the United States Marshals Service create a security buffer zone in Quincy Court that reasonably restricts the movement of individuals from entering into the Quincy Court and the areas immediately adjacent to the Dirksen Courthouse; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT temporary barriers be installed immediately by GSA to enforce this order; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the barriers be installed on the property owned by GSA to avoid any disruption to the public's use of the sidewalks on Dearborn, Jackson, Adams, and State Streets; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the United States Marshals Service shall screen all individuals who want to access Quincy Court in the lobby of the Dirksen Courthouse prior to entering Quincy Court; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT signs be posted in the Quincy Court area to properly notify individuals of the requirement of entering Quincy Court through the security screening stations located at the Dirksen Courthouse; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the United States Marshals Service shall screen all individuals who want to access Quincy Court during the normal business hours of the Dirksen Courthouse, 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT all individuals who access Quincy Court must provide the necessary government identification card as required by General Order 15-0020; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT reasonable time restraints on the use of Quincy Court must be implemented in order to maintain security surrounding the Dirksen Courthouse, and therefore Quincy Court shall be closed to the public during the hours that the Dirksen Courthouse is closed to the public; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT GSA, the United States Marshals Service, and the Federal Protective Service continue to allow reasonable access to any business that has an MOU prior to the date of this order that allows for the right of entry to Quincy Court; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the barriers installed by GSA shall not infringe upon the passage of individuals who are entering or exiting from 11 West Quincy Court; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT nothing in this General Order shall infringe on an individual's right to access the public sidewalks that adjoin the Dirksen Courthouse and Quincy Court; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT nothing in this General Order shall infringe upon an individual's right to use the Federal Plaza located at the intersection of Dearborn and Adams as a public forum when the individual has obtained the necessary approvals from GSA; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the United States Marshals Service and the Federal Protective Service shall enforce the directives of this General Order and all applicable federal regulations as pertains to Quincy Court.

ENTER:

FOR THE COURT

Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 25th day of August, 2016.