UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

RE: PROVISION OF MEALS FOR DELIBERATING JURIES

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SAMUEL L. KAY, CLERK
U. S. District & Bankruptcy Courts
Southern District of West Virginia

STANDING ORDER

The long-standing policy of this Court that the United States Marshals Service provide the role of obtaining and delivering meals to jurors sequestered and deliberating having come under question, it is ORDERED that for security purposes the United States Marshal, or where appropriate and delegated, the Court security officers, shall secure, pick up meals at restaurants, acknowledge receipt of meals by signing the necessary invoice, and deliver meals to juries at the deliberation room whenever directed by the presiding judge personally or by message from the judge through his personnel or the jury administrator.

The Marshals Service is reminded the policy was developed with the Marshals in the district more than twenty-five years ago to avoid the inconvenience, cost and security problems attendant to having marshals take sequestered juries to restaurants during their deliberations. When formulated the policy did not anticipate the availability of the CSO force, which did not come into being until 1983.

Signing of a receipt for meals in no way obligates the Marshal or the officer picking up the meals to pay the invoice. The signed receipt for the meals is to be delivered to the jury administrator and the invoice will be paid promptly from the Court account.

It is further ORDERED that a copy of this Order be entered at each division of holding Court and a certified copy provided to the United States Marshal in Charleston.

ENTER: 2 17 02

Charles H. Haden II, Chief Judge

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United States District Judge

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