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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Trial Court Security Department Employees
FROM: ^{RAM} Robert A. Mulligan
Chief Justice for Administration and Management
DATE: January 9, 2006

RE: Policy on Clothing, Cameras and Cellular Telephones

Any person wearing an item of clothing which bears the words: "**no snitchin(g)**" or "**stop snitchin(g)**" shall not be allowed entry to a courthouse. Any person found in a courthouse wearing clothing bearing those words shall be removed from the courthouse.

No person, except those employed by the news media and covering the court consistent with S.J.C. Rule 1:19 shall bring a camera, camera recording device or tape recorder into a courthouse.

Each person with a cellular telephone shall ensure that the cellular telephone is turned off and stowed out of sight before entering a courtroom. Cellular telephones shall not be taken out or used in a court room whether or not the court is in session in that court room. As to those cellular telephones which also have a camera or a video camera capacity, the camera and/or video camera shall not be operated inside a courthouse.

Nothing in this policy precludes a first justice or a presiding judge from imposing a more restrictive policy for a courthouse/court room. This policy is effective immediately.

cc: Chief Justices of the Trial Court
First Justices of the Trial Court
Clerk-Magistrates of the Trial Court
Recorder of the Land Court
Registers of Probate
Chief Probation Officers of the Trial Court
Commissioner of Probation
Jury Commissioner