

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

SPECIAL ORDER

**SPECIAL GUIDELINES REGARDING USE OF THE PEORIA UNITED STATES
COURTHOUSE BY MEDIA PERSONNEL ON DAYS WHEN A HEARING IN THE CASE
OF *U.S. V. AL-MARRI, 09-10030*, IS SCHEDULED**

FOR THE PURPOSES OF protecting the freedom of the press by according media personnel the privilege of using an area designated by the U.S. Marshal Service to gather newsworthy information; and

FOR THE FURTHER PURPOSES OF protecting the public's right of access to the courts as well as protecting the physical safety and security of members of the public, Courthouse employees, and media personnel who make use of the designated area at the Peoria United States Courthouse;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a designated media area located outside the Main Street entrance to the Courthouse shall be determined, maintained, and supervised by the United States Marshals and Court Security Officers for use by media personnel consistent with appropriate decorum; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no member of the media may solicit or conduct any on- or off-camera interview for broadcast or publication within the courthouse. This includes leaving the designated media area to film, photograph, or interview people passing through the lobby area; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any members of the public or government personnel who assent to be interviewed by the media shall be positioned within the designated media area during such interviews; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the United States Marshals and Court Security Officers are authorized to enforce the directives of this Special Order; any person found to have violated this Special Order may be in contempt of Court and expelled from the Courthouse until an order of the Chief Judge of this Court, upon petition, reinstating access to the Courthouse.

ENTERED:
FOR THE COURT

s/Michael P. McCuskey
Chief Judge

Dated at Peoria, Illinois this 19th day of March, 2009.