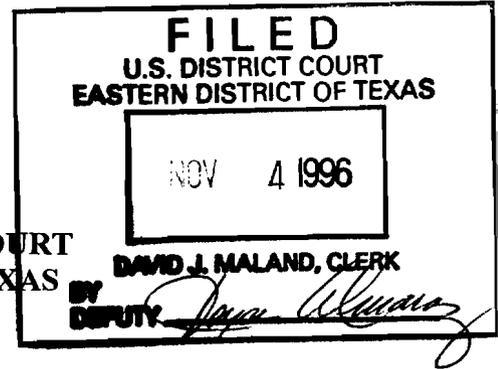


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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

Oleoresin Capsicum was approved by the Committee on Criminal Law and Probation Administration in December of 1990 for use by U.S. Probation and Pretrial Service Officers as a less than lethal means of self-defense for officers. In compliance with district policy, Probation Officers of the Eastern District have been permitted to carry oleoresin capsicum since September of 1991. The Court recognizes the need to continue this practice and authorizes Probation Officers and Probation Officer Assistants to carry oleoresin capsicum in accordance with district policy.

Signed this 25th day of October, 1996.

FOR THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard A. Schell".

RICHARD A. SCHELL
Chief Judge