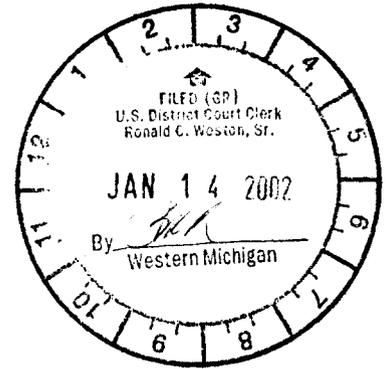


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN



In Re: SERVICE OF PROCESS UPON THE)
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
_____)

Administrative Order
No. 02-002

It appearing to the Court that the United States Department of Justice and other agencies located in Washington, D.C. are refusing to accept certified or registered mail because of security concerns; and

It appearing that the United States Marshal's Service has received numerous items of returned mail from the Attorney General of the United States and other agencies; and

It appearing that the progress of social security and other cases has been impeded because of the refusal of the Attorney General to accept mail; and

It appearing to the court that the requirements of Rule 4(i)(1)(B) and (C) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure are satisfied by "sending" process to the Attorney General or other officer and agency, despite the refusal to accept delivery;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

A. In any civil action in which service of process is required upon the Attorney General of the United States or other officer or agency located in Washington, D.C., service upon such parties shall be deemed complete upon the sending of a copy of the summons and complaint to such officer by certified or registered mail, properly addressed, with sufficient postage affixed.

B. The United States Marshal or other party effecting service shall file a proof of service reciting the date upon which process was sent by certified or registered mail to the Attorney General or other officer or agency located in Washington, D.C.

C. The United States Marshal or other person effectuating service shall in all cases comply strictly with the requirements of Rule 4(i)(1)(A) in effectuating service of process upon the United States Attorney for this District. The United States Attorney shall provide the Attorney General, by telefax or other means, actual notice of the initiation of every civil action filed hereafter against the United States or its officers or agencies.

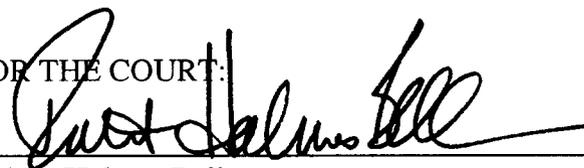
D. The United States Attorney for this District is directed to inform the Court in writing of the resumption of mail delivery to the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., at which time the Court will consider rescission of this order.

E. In the case of any civil action in which process sent to the Attorney General or other officer in Washington, D.C. by certified or registered mail has heretofore been undelivered, service upon such officer shall be deemed complete. The United States shall move, answer, or otherwise plead the complaint in all such actions within 60 days of the date of this order.

Dated:

January 14, 2002

FOR THE COURT:



Robert Holmes Bell
Chief Judge