

Survey to Chief APOs

Issue: Pretrial Bail and Holding of Passports

Question (from York County):

For any probation offices that have a pretrial component, do you accept and hold surrendered passports when an MDJ orders the individual to surrender their passport? This has come up several times in York and I've been trying to avoid it.

Blair County

Blair has had an instance where a MDJ ordered the passport to be handed over to Adult Parole and Probation. We placed it in evidence as a confiscated item. Once sentenced we will arrange for pick up.

Bucks County

Our Pretrial Department has not been tasked with this request from MDJ's. I believe any passports surrendered are done through our clerk of courts.

Carbon County

We do not hold passports.

Chester County

Chester County Pretrial does not accept or hold any passports. Passports ordered to be surrendered by a MDJ are held at that District Court until the case is dismissed or held/waived to the Court of Common Pleas. If held/waived, the passport is then transferred to the Clerk of Courts and held there. Pretrial is not involved in the matter.

Lackawanna County

In our Pre-Trial Services Unit we do not collect or take any passports from defendants. Our Clerks Office is required to address that condition if needed.

Lawrence County

We do not hold passports.

Lebanon County

This issue hasn't come up for us. If it does, I suspect we will handle it in the same manner in which we handle a drivers license. We would not accept it.

Westmoreland County

Westmoreland County has pretrial services. We do not hold passports.