

Survey to Chief APOs

Issue: EM and After Hours Warrants

Question: (from Allegheny County)

We are in the midst of a high-profile case where a person on EM absconded and was involved in a shooting. My AJ and court administrator wanted to know if other probation departments have the authority to issue warrants after hours/weekends, either based on a court order on that particular case or via an on-call judge.

Armstrong County

We are authorized to hold offender on a detainer, with supervisor's approval, up to 14 days, however, as soon as the officer knows they will be filing a revocation, not just jail as a sanction, we replace the detainer with a bench warrant. We are not allowed to detain, pre-trial, ARD or those in Veteran's Court since it is a diversion program.

Beaver County

Same as Susquehanna County

Blair County

The sentencing Judge signs off on the warrants. We have the authority to issue a detainer.

Bucks County

Bucks County issues our own detainers regarding active supervision cases. Detainers are approved by supervisors/deputy chiefs during regular hours and on-call APO issues with on-call supervisor approval.

Carbon County

Carbon County uses detainers and also files a petition to revoke with a request for a warrant. Supervisor must approve both.

Dauphin County

Same as Wayne & York County

Delaware County

We have the authority to issue detainers after hours and on weekends. We have an on-call supervisor/deputy director available during non-office hours, including holidays, and they are paid overtime. A bench warrant is issued the following business day.

Elk County

Elk has authority to issue warrants and detain, non ARD cases.

Erie County

Our on-call officers have the authority to place detainers at their discretion

Fayette County

Same as Dauphin

Forest County

Forest County issues our own detainers except for ARD and bail supervision cases.

Greene County

Same as Snyder, Juniata, Union

Jefferson County

Jefferson County does have the authority to issue warrants 24/7. Our PJ makes himself available 24/7 to handle any after-hours issues that would require his authority.

Juniata County

Same as Union

Lackawanna County

Same as Susquehanna

Lancaster County

we utilize temporary detainers (pursuant to agreement with jail Warden) during non-business hours. The next business day, we petition the Court (via Capias alleging a violation) for a Bench Warrant. We do not have the authority to issue Bench Warrants during business or non-business hours.

Lebanon County

Same as Blair County; however, warrants are only issued for failure to appear for a PV. We do not issue our own warrants, nor do we have access to an on-call judge to handle them.

Montgomery County

Detainers are issued with the approval of the Chief or their designee. On weekends and outside of normal business hours, the on-call PO utilizes a pre-signed detainer (with the Chief's signature). The Chief, Deputies and Supervisors are available for case review w/ on call PO if necessary.

Pike County

Same as Carbon

Schuylkill County

Schuylkill has always issued its own warrants. The warrants are signed off on by a Supervisor and the Chief of Deputy Chief. For those times in the middle of the night our courts have authorized the use of 48-hour detainers signed by the on-call officer.

Snyder County

Same as Union & Juniata

Somerset County

Somerset utilizes detainers to address this type of situation

Susquehanna County

Anyone on active supervision (non-ARD) regular probation/parole or bail supervision at any time who violates terms and conditions is subject to immediate arrest and detention- via detainer (which serves same purpose as a BW. Assuming the offender was in custody, we issue detainers. Local PSP and PD's generally call our on-call, get authorization for detainer, they run the offender to our jail generally, if they can't do it, PO's come out and do it.

Tioga County

Same as York County

Union County

Union County issues detainers in those instances. On-call officer has the authority to issue detainer.

Wayne County

Wayne issues our own detainers regarding active supervision cases. Not for ARD or bail cases. Detainers are approved by chief or DC during regular hours and on-call APO has authority to act on his/her own—they may call DC or chief at their discretion when uncertain or high-profile incident occurred.

Westmoreland County

Westmoreland County is authorized by the Court to serve temporary detainers for up to 72 hours of incarceration. This is to be follow up immediately with a Bench Warrant/Detainer.

York County

York is the same as Wayne. We have the ability to issue detainers for up to 72 hours with the exception of for bail cases and ARD. We then follow up with a petition to the Judge to lodge a permanent detainer.