4-26/010.00 - Warrants

| CLASSIFICATION Crime or Incident | FORM NUMBER FILE NUMBER PRIORITY | ASSIGNMENT AND ACTION | ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND STATISTICAL CODES |
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| 4-26/010.00 WARRANTS | The word "copy" under this column refers to a reproduced copy of the warrant. | | For line procedures, see Volume 5, chapter 7. Warrants are received from two basic sources: (1) L.A. Superior Courts, the Trial Court Information System (TCIS) and (2) outside law enforcement agencies. All warrants issued by Los Angeles courts received by Department personnel shall be forwarded to Records and Identification Bureau, Warrants Unit, for processing. The Warrants Unit shall file and maintain all issued original warrants. As a general rule, file numbers will be assigned by the Detective Division only; however, if a warrant results from an original Sheriff's case, the case URN shall be placed in the appropriate location on the face of the warrant by the court Deputy or investigating Deputy prior to forwarding to the Records and Identification Bureau. Whenever an arrest is made on a warrant, an abstract must be obtained, utilizing the JDIC system. NOTE: Where an arrest is attempted under authority of a copy and the defendant is in possession of a receipt from the court on this charge or claims recent court appearance on the charge, no arrest shall be made pending investigation to determine the status of the warrant. When an arrest is made as a result of an abstract to a Station/Unit, the receiving Station/Unit shall update the computer. Whenever an arrest is made on an abstract of a warrant issued by an L.A. County Court and the L.A. County Jail booking number is known, the warrant is to be returned to the informing agency for return to the court. Defendant shall be arraigned with the abstract. Whenever an arrest is made on an abstract of a warrant issued by a court outside of Los Angeles |

| | | | County and defendant does not post bail, the warrant shall be returned to the law enforcement agency from which it was received. A copy of the abstract must be forwarded to IRC, for male prisoners and CRDF for female prisoners. Abstract to accompany defendant to appropriate jail. |
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| Court Deputy responsibility | | | Court Deputies shall inspect all warrants received from the court for validity, case number, suspect identification data and URN in the appropriate location on the face of the warrant. The warrant must be faxed to the County Warrant System (CWS) prior to forwarding with a warrant and transmittal to Records and Identification Bureau, (CWS), for processing. A copy of both the warrant and transmittal shall be maintained in the Branch Office. |
| Warrants, types of: | | | |
| Felony(California warrant) | Warrant Service Card or Abstract URN 28 | Station/Unit Patrol | If arrest is made on abstract or information direct from requesting agency to Station/Unit, no URN is required. If warrant cannot be acted upon in Station/Unit area, forward warrant or abstract to Fugitive/Warrant Detail. This detail will assign URN upon receipt of warrant. Whenever an arrest is made on a warrant or an abstract of a warrant issued by a court outside of the County, and the defendant does not post bail, the warrant shall be returned to the law enforcement agency from which it was received, and the abstract must accompany defendant to appropriate jail (IRC for male prisoners and CRDF for female prisoners arrested on out-of-County warrants). Code 283 - Warrants, Felony, In County. Code 285 - Warrants, Felony, Out of County. |

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| L.A. Superior Court juvenile arrest warrant | | | Warrant Unit, Records and Identification Bureau, will process for Fugitive/Warrant Detail. L.A. Superior Court warrants for juvenile subjects are retained in the Warrant Unit file and in the Wanted Persons File. Subject and warrant abstract to juvenile facility indicated. JDIC update message to Warrant Unit re: arrest and disposition. |
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| L.A. Superior Court bench warrant defaulting witness | Copy URN 28 | Fugitive/Warrant Detail A | URN obtained from Detective Division. Code 286 - Warrants, Misdemeanor. |
| L.A. Superior Court bench warrant defaulting defendant | Copy URN 28 | Fugitive/Warrant Detail A | URN obtained from Detective Division. Code 286 - Warrants, Misdemeanor. |
| L.A. Superior Court bench warrant Failure to Appear | Copy URN 28 | Fugitive/Warrant Detail A | URN obtained from Detective Division. Code 283 - Warrants, Felony, County. |
| L.A. Superior Court bench warrant Violation/ Probation | Copy URN 28 | Fugitive/Warrant Detail A | URN obtained from Detective Division. Code 283 - Warrants, Felony, County. |
| L.A. Superior Court bench warrant other | Copy URN 28 | Fugitive/Warrant Detail A | URN obtained from Detective Division. Code 283 - Warrants, Felony, In County. |
| Misdemeanor | Copy URN 28 | Station/Unit Patrol | URN obtained from Station/Unit desk. Used only for follow-up reports or investigation reports. As a general rule, no URN. Code 286 - Warrants, Misdemeanor. |

| Traffic only | Сору | Station/Unit | URN will be obtained from Station/Unit desk when |
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| rraine erny | URN 28 | Patrol | follow-up information is required. As a general rule, traffic warrants will have no URN. |
| | | | Code 280 - Warrants, Traffic. |
| "John Doe | | | "John Doe Warrants" will be retained by the Unit obtaining the warrant. These warrants will not be |
| Warrants" | | | indexed in Records and Identification Bureau and will be shown in a supplemental report to the original case. |
| Recall procedure | | | The Deputy recalling the warrant shall sign the recall(s) and list their employee number. |
| | | | Upon the earliest opportunity, the Deputy shall call Records and Identification Bureau's (RIB) County Warrant System (CWS) to recall the warrant. The Deputy shall remain on the phone while the clerk verifies the warrant information and confirms that the warrant has been successfully recalled. The clerk is required to write the name and employee number of the Deputy recalling in the recall. |
| | | | The Deputy shall obtain the name and employee number of the CWS clerk verifying the warrant recall success. |
| | | | NOTE: the CWS employee's name, employee number, as well as the date and time on the back of the original documents. |
| | | | Fax the copy of the Warrant Recall Transmittal to: CWS (562) 345-4417 or 4418 by the end of the Deputy's shift. |
| | | | Make a copy of the recall slip (front and back) and transmittal. The original warrant recall and the original transmittal will be mailed to RIB, Attention CWS, at: 12440 East Imperial Highway, Suite 400-West, Norwalk, CA 90650. The copy of both will be maintained in the branch office. |
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| Warrants in lieu of Habeas Corpus or 1442 of the Probate Code | SH-R-49 URN 28 | Station/Unit Detective A | Refer attorney to Fugitive/Warrant Detail if not in area served by the Sheriff. The SH-R-49 to be made by Unit handling. Code as applicable: Code 283 - Warrants, Felony, In County. Code 285 - Warrants, Felony, Out of County. |
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| Wrong defendant arrested and released | SH-R-49 URN 44 | Station/Unit Patrol | Assign to Station/Unit patrol if misdemeanor warrant; Fugitive/Warrant Detail if felony. Whenever any person is taken into custody under authority of a valid outstanding warrant and subsequent information determines that the person arrested is not the same person as named on the warrant, the following information shall be included in the report upon release of the subject: Classification shall be warrant; Arrested person shall be referred to as "subject;" Facts surrounding the arrest; Information which exonerated subject; and Time of release. Vehicle, if any, was returned to subject at no cost or adequate transportation home or to the scene of apprehension was made available to subject. If property has been taken from the subject prior to release, a booking slip will be completed and shall show subject's signature as receiving his property upon discharge. Refusal to sign shall be indicated in the report. Within 24 hours, a memorandum, SH-AD-32A, shall be directed to the Records and Identification Bureau, Warrants Unit, Attention: Watch Commander, and shall include the following: Warrant number, charge, issue date and court; Name and physical description on warrant; Name, address and physical description of subject's vehicle; |

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| Brief synopsis of why subject was arrested; and Who to contact at Station/Unit for further information. |
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| NOTE: Do not issue a booking number - this is a "dummy" booking only; however, if booking was erroneously sent, patrol shall ensure that CWS is updated. |
| Code 440 - Other - Noncriminal. |