5-07/050.00 - Superior Court Warrants

The superior court issues only two types of warrants:

- Bench warrants as a result of information, indictment or a violation of probation; and
- Body attachments for defaulters.

All bench warrants and body attachments for defaulters, including juvenile court warrants originating from the superior court or its departments, are placed into the Countywide Warrant System (CWS) by the courts or the CWS Operations Unit of the Records and Identification Bureau. Entering a warrant into CWS causes an automatic entry into the California Department of Justice Wanted Persons System (WPS) when the criteria is consistent with those of the filing agency. Adult superior court warrants are assigned to Fugitive/Warrant Detail for service.

The responsibility for service of adult authority orders for apprehension of both males and females lies with the state parole officer. If assistance is rendered by Department personnel, a log entry shall be completed.

If a warrant is received by a unit other than CWS Operations directly from the county superior court which cannot be served and/or there is no information as to the whereabouts of the defendant, it shall be forwarded to RIB for CWS input.

For superior court warrants applicable to juveniles, see the Juvenile chapter of this Manual.