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Cumberland County Implements New Summary Warrants Policy

Cumberland County, PA – Cumberland County has been engaged in efforts to improve the collection of Court ordered restitution, fines, and costs since 2014. Efforts have included the formation of a Collections Advisory Board that has researched, recommended and overseen the implementation of a Warrant Collections Unit, policies and procedures to enhance collections including assessment of an offender's ability to pay, modernizing and expanding the payment collection technology and infrastructure, and reinstatement of a collections court.

In support of this effort, the County's Criminal Justice Policy Team formed a Summary Warrants Policy workgroup in 2015. The group's primary focus was to provide law enforcement with options to enforce summary warrants after business hours when court and personnel needed to address the warrant are unavailable. The policy provides options for law enforcement and constables serving warrants directly issued by Magisterial District Justices (MDJ) to process the warrants either in the field or at the County's Central Booking Center during non-court hours. It also provides the defendant with the ability to pay immediately and be released or to have their case reviewed by an MDJ in a timely manner.

President Judge Guido placed the Court Order into effect on May 16, 2016. The order became effective 30 days following the publication of the rule in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on June 25, 2016, by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC). The Summary Warrants Policy is Local Rule #456 under the Rules of Court for the Ninth Judicial District, Cumberland County, PA. Cumberland County will implement Rule #456 countywide on August 1, 2016. For more information on Cumberland County Government and the collection of restitution, fines, and costs visit www.ccpa.net.

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