



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 1534, search warrants are “confidential” and not public record from the time the warrant is authorized to the time of its execution (if the warrant is executed during the statutory timeframe). An executed warrant, if not sealed, is considered public record.

Court staff will not release any information regarding a search warrant to the public if the warrant is deemed confidential

Confidential Search Warrants include the following:

- Between the time a search warrant is authorized to the time of its return, if the return is filed timely, the warrant is confidential.
- If a return is not received by the court within 10-days from its authorization date, the warrant is considered “not executed”, deemed void and is confidential.
- If a warrant is executed but sealed, the warrant is confidential. However, the public will be advised that the warrant has been sealed and the magistrate who sealed the order to allow the public to file a formal motion to unseal the warrant.

Any court staff person convicted of willfully disclosing information pertaining to a confidential search warrant shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison or in a county jail for not exceeding one year.

Search warrants that qualify as public record (an executed warrant) can be requested for viewing and copied from the Sacramento Superior Court’s Criminal Records Room 101. Please refer the court’s website www.saccourt.ca.gov for additional details.