

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

2018 MD 58

THE HON. ELIZABETH A. DOYLE – PRESIDENT JUDGE

AND NOW, this 4th day of May, 2018, it is hereby ORDERED, DIRECTED and DECREED, that the Blair County Court of Common Pleas adopts the following local rules:

Rule 507.1 APPROVAL OF POLICE COMPLAINTS AND ARREST WARRANT AFFIDAVITS BY THE ATTORNEY FOR THE COMMONWEALTH.

Criminal Complaints and arrest warrant affidavits, by police officers, as defined in the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, charging any of the following:

1. Any violation of 18 Pa.C.S. Chapter 25 (Relating to Criminal Homicide);
2. Any violation of 18 Pa.C.S. Chapter 26 (Relating to Crimes Against Unborn Child);
3. Any violation of 18 Pa.C.S. § 2702 (Relating to Aggravated Assault);
4. Any violation of 18 Pa.C.S. § 2718 (Relating to Strangulation);
5. Any violation of 18 Pa.C.S. Chapter 29 (relating to Kidnapping);
6. Any violation of 18 Pa.C.S. Chapter 31 (relating to Sexual Offenses);
7. Any violation of 18 Pa.C.S. § 3301 (Relating to Arson);
8. Any violation of 18 Pa.C.S. § 3502 (Relating to Burglary);
9. Any violation of 18 Pa.C.S. Chapter 37 (relating to Robbery);
10. Any violation of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4952 (Intimidation of Witnesses or Victims), § 4953 (Retaliation Against Victim, Witness or Party) § 4953.1 (Retaliation Against Prosecutor or Judicial Official);
11. Any violation of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4915.1 (Failure to Comply With Registration Requirements);
12. Any violation of 18 Pa.C.S. § 6318 (Unlawful Contact With Minor), § 6319 (Solicitation of Minors to Traffic Drugs) § 6320 (Sexual Exploitation of Children);
13. Any violation of 75 Pa.C.S. § 3732 (Relating to Homicide by Vehicle), § 3735 (Relating to Homicide by Vehicle while DUI), § 3731.1 (Relating to Aggravated Assault by Vehicle while DUI);
14. Any charge of an inchoate crime under 18 Pa.C.S. Chapter 9 (Relating to Criminal Attempt, Criminal Solicitation, and Criminal Conspiracy), where the underlying criminal offense is one of those set above;
15. Any violation of Title 18 (Crimes Code) or Title 75 (Vehicle Code) that results in the death of any person, including summary offenses.

shall not hereafter be accepted by any judicial officer unless the complaint and affidavit has the approval of an Attorney for the Commonwealth prior to filing. **Approval by the Attorney for the Commonwealth or his designee (approved in writing with the Court of Common Pleas) may be provided electronically via phone, email, and/or**

text message. Telephonic approval is permitted so long as the approving Commonwealth Attorney documents the complaint's incident number, name of the defendant, the name of the approving Attorney for the Commonwealth, and the date and time of the approval. Said Local Rule shall be effective in the 24th Judicial District of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania thirty (30) days after publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and upon publication on the Unified Judicial System of the Pennsylvania Web Portal.

RULE 202.1 APPROVAL OF SEARCH WARRANT APPLICATIONS BY THE ATTORNEY FOR THE COMMONWEALTH.

Search Warrants shall not hereafter be accepted by any judicial officer unless the Search Warrant Application has the Approval of a designated Attorney for the Commonwealth prior to filing. Approval by the Attorney for the Commonwealth or his designee (approved in writing with the Court of Common Pleas) may be provided electronically via phone, email, and or text message. Telephonic approval is permitted and shall be documented by the law enforcement officer obtaining the search warrant. Approval by the Attorney for the Commonwealth may be provided by electronic communication. Said Local Rule shall be effective in the 24th Judicial District of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania thirty (30) days after publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and upon publication on the United Judicial System of the Pennsylvania Web Portal.

The Blair County District Court Administrator is Ordered and Directed to do the following:

1. File one (1) copy of these Rules with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts via email to adminrules@pacourts.us;
2. File two (2) paper copies and one (1) electronic copy containing the text of the local rules to the Legislative Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin;
3. Publish these Rules on the Blair County website at www.blairco.org;
4. Incorporate these Rules into the set of local rules on www.blairco.org within thirty (30) days after the publication of the local rules in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*;
5. File one (1) copy of the local rules, which shall be kept continuously available for public inspection and copying in the Office of Prothonotary of Blair County.

Said Local Rule of Judicial Administration shall be effective in the 24th Judicial District of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania thirty (30) days after publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and upon publication on the Blair County website.

BY THE COURT:



ELIZABETH A. DOYLE
PRESIDENT JUDGE