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Warrant Case Search Help Guide

Thank you for your interest in Cook County's Safety and Justice Challenge initiative on misdemeanor warrant reduction. The goal of this project is to address dated non-violent misdemeanor active warrants throughout the various judicial districts in Cook County.

The following **Help-Guide** is intended to provide you with steps in researching the status of your warrant related case(s). In addition, we provide general definitions of words that you will find in your search important to the status of a warrant. Please be advised that all Cook County agencies involved in this initiative, including the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, will not provide any form of legal advice. If you have legal questions, please seek the appropriate supports.

As part of this initiative, litigants/defendants need not be present in court and will not be required to complete any court filings. Staff from the appropriate county offices will examine qualifying cases and proceed with the legal steps to file a motion before a judge to address selected cases.

STEPS - SEARCHING WARRANT CASES

- 1. Find a Digital Access Terminal (DAT) at your nearest courthouse in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court.
- 2. Double click on the following "Odyssey Search" icon:

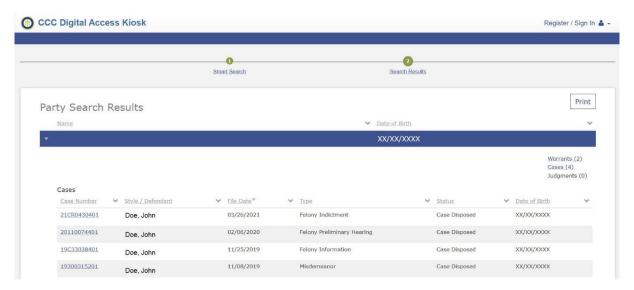


- 3. Enter your 11-digit case number, **OR**
- 4. Type in your last name and first name (please include a comma in between the last name and first name)

- * If you are having trouble finding your case number or case by using your name, feel free to visit the *Clerk of the Circuit Court's* office to retrieve your case number (maintain your case number in a confidential place going forward).
- *Also, <u>make sure your case number relates to the warrant in question</u>. You may have active/inactive cases not related to the warrant case.



5. If using your name, you may find <u>multiple</u> cases as seen below. Please make sure you have an idea of when your warrant case was *originally filed*. Click on the "case number" for additional information on your case.



6. Your case could also appear as shown below. Click on the case number for additional case information.

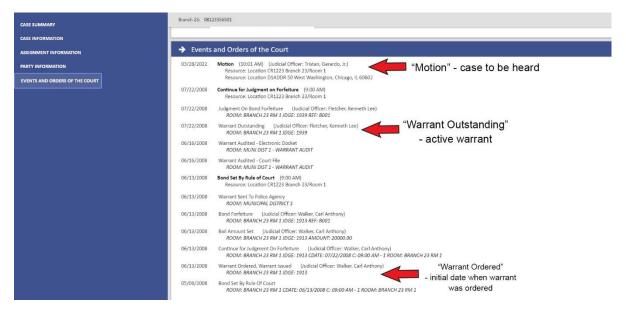


- 7. CHECKING THE STATUS OF YOUR CASE Check the status for your case under "Status":
 - a. Active means your Warrant is still active.
 - b. Case Disposed means your Warrant is no longer active.

If you are not sure of what any status designation means, please visit the *Clerk of the Circuit Court* for additional information.

*Please be advised that the *Clerk of the Circuit Court* will not provide legal advice and you should seek professional legal support to best understand the status of your case.

8. If you are still having trouble making sense of the status of your case, click on "Events and Orders of the Court" as shown below for a different way to check the status of your case:



- 9. Under "Events and Orders of the Court", you may find **key terms** that provide additional information about your case:
 - a. "Motion" -means your case will be heard on the reported date.
 - b. "Warrant Quashed" -means your Warrant case is no longer active as reported date.
 - c. "Warrant Ordered, Warrant Issued" –denotes the date the Warrant was ordered.
 - d. "Warrant Outstanding" means the Warrant is active as of that date.

^{*}ALWAYS LOOK AT THE TOP MOST EVENT REPORTED EVENT FOR THE LATEST UPDATE ON YOUR CASE.

For additional information about your warrant, please contact:

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District 1 – First Municipal	50 W. Randolph, Chicago, IL 60602, Suite 1006	(312) 325-9517	criminalmisdemeanorservices@cookcountycourt.com
District 2 – Skokie	5600 Old Orchard Rd., Skokie, IL 60077	(847) 470-7250	Skokiedist2crimservices@cookcountycourt.com
District 3- Rolling Meadows	2121 Euclind Avenue, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008	847-818-2436	rollmeaddist3crimsvc@cookcountycourt.com
District 4 - Maywood	1500 Maybrook Drive, Maywood, IL 60153	(708) 865-6040	Maywooddist4crimservices@cookcountycourt.com
District 5 – Bridgeview	10220 S. 76th Avenue, Bridgeview, IL 60455	1-708-974-6501	Bridgeviewdist5crimservices@cookcountycourt.com
District 6- Markham	16501 S. Kedzie, Markham, IL 60428	(708) 232-4551	Markhamdist6crimservices@cookcountycourt.com