

Cross-Reference

- CRIM 09 Practice Direction: *Missing Person Act Applications*

History of Practice Direction

- Original practice direction dated March 04, 2005.
- Amended practice direction dated February 23, 2015 (changes to wording and formatting only - last sentence of para. 4 of the original practice direction deleted).
- January 8, 2020: Housekeeping update to remove “duration” section as contained information duplicated in “History of Practice Direction” section.
- June 14, 2021: Changed title from “Daytime Search Warrant Applications”; updated to reflect current process, including directions previously set out in the Chief Judge’s memorandum dated February 9, 2021 and updated April 15, 2021 and the addition of the Judicial Authorization Liaison as the designated contact for certain daytime judicial authorization applications.
- September 15, 2021: Updates clarifying Vancouver Region includes Richmond, contact to determine if JJ available at certain court locations, and paras. 3(i) to (e) apply to in person applications only.
- April 11, 2022: Changes to para. 3 consequential to revision of NP 22.
- January 14, 2023: Changes title from “Daytime Judicial Authorization Applications” to “Judicial Authorization Applications”; adds process for obtaining judicial authorizations outside daytime court sitting hours; removes the Judicial Authorization Liaison as the designated contact for certain daytime judicial authorization applications; and updates consequential to Bill S-4 and use of SFTS.
- January 26, 2023: Clarifies #1 (Presentation of documents) and #3 (Exhibits part of ITO PDF) of Appendix “A”.
- March 20, 2023: Clarifies in para. 1 that JJs are available to receive in person judicial authorization applications at the Justice Centre unless otherwise stated in this Practice Direction; adds paras. A.6.i.c. and B.10; and housekeeping edits in paras. A.6.ii (including telewarrants must be submitted via SFTS unless governing legislation specifies only by fax or telephone) and B.9. and Appendix “A” (#3).
- April 20, 2023: clarifies #2 of Appendix “A” that any encryption must follow Justice Centre rules.
- July 17, 2023: Housekeeping edits to paras. 2 and 3. Updates #2 of Appendix “A” that documents may need to be encrypted following Justice Centre rules.

I make this practice direction pursuant to my authority under the *Provincial Court Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 379, and Rule 3 of the *Criminal Caseflow Management Rules*.

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