

Arrest and Commitment Warrants



What is a Warrant?

Written order - Signed by a Magistrate or Judge

This authorises the police/other organisation to carry out a specified act:

- Commitment to prison (Commitment Warrant)
- Arrest a person (Arrest Warrant)
- Search premises/person (Search Warrant)



Commitment Warrant

- Committed to custody (prison) by the court
- A warrant authorises detention
- Warrant should state where to go – usually direct to prison – may be police station initially



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Arrest Warrant

- Officer can arrest a person – offence(s) has been committed or suspected
- Officer can arrest a person – they have failed to appear/answer a summons to court
- Officer can arrest a person – they have not paid a fine that has been issued

