

SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ADAMS COUNTY AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF BROOMFIELD ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUDGE 11-03

Procedure for the Issuance of Warrants For Failure to Pay Fines, Costs and Restitution.

Whereas the court has noted when individuals who are ordered to pay fines, costs and restitution according to an agreed upon or ordered schedule fail to pay as agreed or ordered, a bench warrant is issued by the personnel in the collections division. Commencing immediately, no bench warrant will be caused to be issued unless such warrant for the arrest of the defendant is signed by a judicial officer.

The court notes C.R.S. 18-1.3-702 provides for the remedy of imprisonment for non-payment of fines and presumedly also restitution. C.R.S. 18-1.3-701 provides for judgment to enter for non-payment of assessed court costs. Subsectin 701(6) prohibits the incarceration of indigents for non-payment of fines and costs.

Commencing immediately, no Failure to Pay Warrant shall issue except under the signature of a judicial officer. The FTP warrants shall be prepared by collections personnel and shall be forwarded to the On Call Judge for signature. During regular working hours, if the On Call Judge is busy or otherwise not immediately available, any judicial officer may sign the FTP Warrants. Once the warrants are reviewed and signed by a judicial officer, they shall then be returned to the Collections Unit to be issued.

Done at Brighton, Colorado, the 18th day of July, 2011.

C. Vincent Phelps, Chief Judge