

	<b>STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE</b> State Form 39870 (R/S-06)	Reference Number <b>INV-006</b>
	Subject <b>Arrest Warrant Service</b>	
	Special Instructions <b>Replaces INV-019 dated August 16, 2024</b>	Effective Date <b>February 16, 2026</b>

**I. PURPOSE**

Establish guidelines for serving arrest warrants.

**II. POLICY**

Department personnel shall promptly serve arrest warrants and whenever practical, uniformed personnel should be utilized to alleviate resistance.

**III. PROCEDURE**

A. Warrants obtained by Department personnel or received from other Indiana law enforcement agencies shall be verified as active prior to attempts to promptly serve.

B. Warrants obtained by Department personnel from out of state criminal justice agencies should be served in accordance with the Uniform Criminal Extradition Act (IC 35-33-10-3).

C. Officers shall further consider the following factors in determining the priority for service of the warrant:

1. Seriousness of the offense charged;
2. Potential for future violence;
3. Probability the wanted suspect will flee;
4. Date the warrant was issued (IC 35-33-2-4); and
5. Any other unusual circumstances which may require immediate attention.

D. Prior to initiating a preplanned arrest (arrest warrant) or search warrant, officers shall complete the Warrant Service CAD.

1. Upon completion of the Warrant Service CAD, the officer shall make the appropriate notifications or seek the appropriate approvals prior to serving the warrant.

E. Upon completion of the warrant service, the assigned officer shall request the appropriate regional dispatch center contact the district or issuing agency and have the wanted entry information removed from NCIC/IDACS.

F. At the time of incarceration, the arresting officer shall be responsible for completing the following appropriate report:

1. A new Initial Criminal Incident Report is required when during any warrant service or any new independent and applicable criminal violations are found (outside the scope of the original warrant(s)) and new charges are filed (that require a criminal incident report to be completed).

2. A supplemental report is required when an arrest is made on a warrant that originated from an ISP Initial Criminal Incident Report.

Reference guide:

Originating Agency	X indicates required report(s)	
	Criminal Incident Report	Supplemental Report
Non-ISP	X	
Non-ISP (w/new charges)	X	
ISP		X
ISP (with new charges)	X	X

G. In addition to the basic information documented as part of either an initial report or a supplemental report the following information should be included:

1. Date and time the warrant was received;
2. Source of the warrant;
3. Steps taken to verify the warrant;
4. Name, address, social security number and date of birth of the defendant;
5. Type of criminal incident; and
6. Date, time and location the service was completed.

H. All warrants obtained by Department officers (on the basis of an ISP initial criminal incident report) shall be entered into NCIC/IDACS, as soon as practical, in accordance with IC 10-13-3-35(2) providing the warrant is not served expeditiously. Department enforcement personnel shall document within the applicable criminal incident report any delay of the NCIC/IDACS information entry and include the following information:

1. Address where the service was attempted;
2. Date and time attempted;
3. Name of officer who attempted the service; and
4. Reason for non-service.

I. Every effort should be made to communicate with other law enforcement agencies in order to apprehend offenders that could not be located and served during the initial warrant service.

J. This procedure is to be used in conjunction with all relevant Department regulations, rules, policies, and procedures.