

32.1 Sealing Petitions.

- (a) **Procedures for Sealing and Unsealing.** A "Petition for Warrant," "Summons for Offender under Supervision," "Petition for Action on Conditions of Release," and "Amended Petition" must be sealed and unsealed as stated in this rule.
- (1) **Issuance of a Warrant.** Petitions authorizing the issuance of a warrant are sealed automatically upon filing and unsealed automatically upon the named defendant's arrest, after which the government must notify the clerk as soon as possible.
- (2) **Issuance of a Summons.** Unless a judge orders otherwise in a specific case, petitions that authorize the issuance of a summons, direct that service not be issued for a named defendant, or authorize the ordering of the named defendant to appear before the court, are not sealed. Any petitions ordered sealed may be unsealed only by court order.
- (b) **Government Attorney and Court Officer Access.** The government and any pretrial services or probation officer for this district may be given a copy of any sealed petition.