

32.1.1 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 probation and pretrial services officer for this district may be given a copy of any sealed petition.