



SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDERS



550.07 RAMEY WARRANTS 09-16-91

PURPOSE

To implement the Ramey Warrant Manual and to provide guidelines for its use.

POLICY

To follow the procedures of the Ramey Warrant Manual when obtaining arrest warrants during tactical situations.

PROCEDURE

A. THE MANUAL

The Ramey Warrant Manual was prepared by members of this Department and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office and is a procedural guide, prepared in outline form, prefaced by a table of contents.

B. COMPLAINT PROCEDURE VERSUS RAMEY PROCEDURE--DEFINED

1. In the complaint procedure, officers document the probable cause to arrest in a Crime Report package and present it to the District Attorney, who presents a complaint to the magistrate. The magistrate signs the arrest warrant. This remains true when officers walk through the processing steps.
2. In the Ramey procedure, officers document the probable cause to arrest more expediently and present it directly to the magistrate. The magistrate signs the arrest warrant and the complaint from the District Attorney follows the arrest.

C. USE GUIDELINES

1. Ramey warrants need not be sought when other lawful means to affect a warrantless arrest are available.
2. Ramey warrants may be sought during tactical incidents in which an arrest warrant is required to make an entry onto private property a lawful entry.

D. TACTICAL INCIDENTS--DEFINED

1. Tactical incidents are those in which officers are deployed, overtly or in a surveillance mode, at the place where the suspect is located.
2. Tactical incidents may be those in which officers of an outside agency are deployed in their jurisdiction on a suspect wanted by this Department.
3. Tactical incidents may be those in which officers are conducting a fresh and active investigation of what a Lieutenant or higher authority deems a serious or significant crime.
4. Ramey warrants shall not be routinely sought as an alternative to the complaint procedure without approval of a Division or Watch Commander.

E. SEARCH WARRANTS WITH RAMEY WARRANTS

Procedures for obtaining a search warrant with a Ramey warrant are covered in the manual.

F. DISTRIBUTION

A copy of the manual shall be issued to all officers. Each shall sign receipt of it on an Order Publication Receipt (SPD 171).