

## La Plata Police Department – General Order

	Title: <b>Request for Assistance by Bail Bond Agents</b>		Order #: <b>622</b>	
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- 01 PURPOSE:** To establish a standardized response to requests for assistance from bail bond agents. into a third party residence, if the officers are not invited in by a person living at that residence.
- 02 DISCUSSION:** At times, the La Plata Police Department is called upon to assist bail bond agents in what they may consider to be their civil authority to enter into a private residence and seize a wanted person. A police presence, whether to keep the peace or serve as an active participant, can place the officer in a situation of potential liability.
- 03 PROCEDURES:**
- A.** Shift Supervisor: Shall ensure that there is an active warrant/court order for the person the bail bond agent is looking for. If there is no warrant/court order, the La Plata Police Department will take no action.
  - B.** Officers: Officers who respond to calls where bail bond agents want to contact and arrest someone are to first view the verified copy of the warrant/court order. Then confirm, through normal procedures, that there is an active warrant/court order for the person being sought by the bail bond agents. When it has been confirmed that an active warrant exists, officers should ask the bail bond agents to remain away from the contact site. Once a police presence has been made, only officers are to approach the site, or attempt to contact the wanted person. The bail bond agents may remain on public property near the contact location. Once officers have made contact and arrest the wanted person the arrestee will be transported in accordance with established Department policy.
  - C.** Search Warrants: Officers are reminded that a search warrant is needed to enter
  - D.** Reporting: Anytime an officer assists a bail bond agent an administrative report, Assist Other Agency will be written.