

TRAINING BULLETIN

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FORENSIC EXAMINATION REQUIRMENTS FOR MOBILE DEVICES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Training Bulletin is to explain the requirements of California Penal Code section 1534 and the crime laboratory as they related to forensic examinations of mobile devices.

II. SCOPE

This training bulletin applies to all sworn personnel.

III. PROCEDURE

California Penal Code Section 1534 requires a search warrant to be executed within 10 days after the date of issuance. A search warrant is required prior to examination of mobile devices such as cell phones and tablets. In order to provide the crime laboratory with sufficient time to initiate examination of mobile devices, **all search warrants must be submitted immediately after they are obtained, along with the lab request submitted through LabLynx.** If a request is submitted with fewer than 2 days prior to the warrant expiration date, or a search has already begun by the investigator, a new warrant must be obtained.

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