

CCJJ Adopts New Extradition Policy

At its 2002 annual meeting, the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (“CCJJ”) adopted an administrative policy and recommendations presented from the Extraditions Working Group. A copy of that policy and paperwork will be mailed to every state and local law enforcement agency in November. The changes will take effect on **January 1, 2003**.

There are three major changes to the process of requesting an extradition from CCJJ. The first change requires the requesting agency file a **Notice of Extradition** with the court prior to contacting CCJJ. Agencies will also fax a copy of this Notice to Monica Taylor at CCJJ along with the outstanding warrant at the time of scheduling the transport. CCJJ continues to require that law enforcement officers contact the prosecuting/district attorney, prior to calling to arrange transportation, to insure the case is still active, witnesses are still available and to obtain a commitment on proceeding with the case.

The second change has to do with reimbursements. CCJJ will require all reimbursements be submitted **within two weeks** from the date of transport. Reimbursements will not be paid unless they are timely submitted.

The final change hopefully will benefit the law enforcement agencies. For the past two years, there has been a cooperative effort between CCJJ and state and local law enforcement agencies in sending their own officers to assist in transporting fugitives. Recognizing the strain this puts on agencies to have their officers away from their normal duties, CCJJ will incorporate the officers’ salary information in the Affidavit submitted to the Courts in an effort to have it ordered in restitution to be paid back to the agency.

The above changes **will be implemented on January 1, 2003**. CCJJ continues to monitor the Department of Justice’s *Establishment of Minimum Safety and Security Standards for Private Companies that Transport Violent Prisoners*. As soon as these standards are finalized, CCJJ will proceed with the RFP to contract with private transport companies as an option for extraditions.