

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL) Administrative Order
PROCEDURES FOR WARRANTS) No. 2025 - 177
ISSUED UNDER A.R.S. § 13-3897)
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_____)

Senate Bill (SB) 1232 becomes effective on September 26, 2025 and amends A.R.S. § 13-3897 to create a new basis for issuing an initial arrest warrant for the alleged commission of a felony offense. This Court adopted on an emergency basis, basic rules to allow for the implementation of this legislation.

On September 10, 2025, this Court issued Administrative Order No. 2025-170 to establish basic standardized procedures, processes, and forms for these warrants during the period between September 26th and when this Court takes final action on proposed rules. It has come to this Court's attention that it is necessary to establish additional procedures relating to a person arrested on a warrant issued under A.R.S. § 13-3897(A).

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that when a person is arrested on a warrant issued under A.R.S. § 13-3897(A), a complaint, if not already filed, must be promptly prepared and filed. If a complaint is not filed within 48 hours after the initial appearance before the magistrate, the arrested person must be immediately released from custody and any pending preliminary hearing dates must be vacated.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2025.

ANN A. SCOTT TIMMER
Chief Justice