

NEWS FLASH FOR PROCESS SERVERS WHO DEAL WITH ALR
SUBPOENAS

TPSA member, **Bobby Pickens**, brought to our attention the changes with the ALR Subpoenas. TPSA would like to share this information with all of its members as well. Thank you Bobby, for bringing this new information to our attention. If any member has news they think is important or would be beneficial to all TPSA members, please feel free to contact us anytime. You can contact the TPSA Office Manager, Jennifer Redden or TPSA President, Dennis Cromwell. All contact information is on our website at www.texasprocess.org
Below is the letter Bobby wrote to TPSA.

To Whom It May Concern,

Last week while turning in some paperwork for an "ALR" Hearing, I was advised by the staff of a meeting that was being held today. The meeting was about a new proposal of changing up the way the subpoenas would be served on the arresting officer or officers.

I attended this meeting to see what was going to be said and take place. While sitting in the meeting, it turned out to be a state wide tele-conference (video & phone) with San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, Houston, and Corpus Christi & El Paso. You could sign up to speak at this meeting & were allowed 3 minutes to speak. While listening to numerous attorneys speak from each city, I was the only process server to say anything. There was another process server at the San Antonio location, but from my understanding that this server is not a certified server.

What Austin wants to do is this:

1. No more emailing or faxing the subpoenas to the officers.
2. No more having someone from the police department, sheriff's office or DPS accepting the subpoenas on the officer's behalf.
3. No more leaving the checks or money orders with the staff when the subpoenas are turned in by the process server.
4. When serving the officer, the process server will hand over the payment to that officer.
5. The question that is coming up is: Will the officer show up for the hearing? Will the officer return the check or money order back to the law firm, if that officer does not show up for the hearing? Will the officer be held liable civil or criminal for cashing the checks or money order & not show for the hearing?
6. If the server cannot find the officer while on duty, then you would have to serve the officer at their residence, which threw up a major red flag from the attorneys, because they wouldn't want that officer to be disturbed on their off-duty time.

Everyone that spoke was not in favor of this sudden change that is supposed to take place. No one spoke in favor of it.

From my understanding the issue that has brought this up is that there has been some missing checks or money orders & not being placed into the defendant's file.

Irene from the San Antonio office advised that she would keep us updated when they hear what will be taking place. Any feedback on this sudden proposal change would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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THANK YOU AGAIN BOBBY FOR SHARING THIS INFORMATION WITH TPSA!

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