

STANDARD PROCEDURES ON WARRANT APPLICATIONS
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
CHRISTOPHER L. RAY

United States District Court – Southern District of Georgia
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- Judge Ray will hear applications for search warrants each business day at 2:00 pm. Federal law enforcement agents and the U.S. Attorney's Office—absent truly extraordinary circumstances—must submit all documentation in support of the application by no later than 4:30 pm on the preceding business day. Failure to follow this procedure may result in a delay in considering the application.
- Each application should be submitted via e-mail to the Courtroom Deputy as a *single*, text-searchable, pdf. This single pdf should include the *final* application, all supporting documentation, and affidavits ordered as the AUSA anticipates discussing them. Any alterations to the documents which occur after the 4:30 pm deadline may result in a delay in processing the application.
- These procedures do not preclude emergency requests for warrants in appropriate situations. However, the U.S. Attorney's Office or law enforcement agents should be prepared to offer a sufficient showing as to the need for expedited review prior to receiving an appointment time with Judge Ray. This showing may be provided via e-mail to Judge Ray's Courtroom Deputy or, if necessary, by phone to the same. All other requirements as to the format of the application remain the same.