

MAGISTRATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

**STANDING ORDER REGARDING WARRANT  
APPLICATIONS IN COMMERCIAL CONTRACT CASES**


Effective October 28, 2016, the Magistrate Court of DeKalb County will require the filing of a Personal Property Foreclosure action before any criminal warrant application will be accepted for any criminal charge related to property initially given to the accused pursuant to a *commercial contractual agreement* (i.e. theft by conversion).


Persons or parties seeking a criminal warrant under these circumstances must first obtain the writ and attempt execution of the writ prior to the warrant application being filed. Any warrant applications not complying with these requirements will not be accepted for filing. The Personal Property Foreclosure forms to be used for filing are available for review and downloading at the Court's website at [www.dekalbcountymagistratecourt.com](http://www.dekalbcountymagistratecourt.com). (Please click here).

Nothing contained herein is intended to prevent persons or parties from seeking the immediate assistance of law enforcement in the event a crime has been committed and/or from pursuing any other civil remedies that may be available at law.

This requirement shall **not** apply to applicants seeking warrants pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-9-51 for concealment of a security interest in a motor vehicle.

This 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016

  
Judge Berryl A. Anderson  
Chief Magistrate Judge  
DeKalb County, Georgia

FILED IN THIS OFFICE  
This 5 day of OCT 2016  
  
Deputy Clerk  
Magistrate Court of DeKalb County