

Copy Request Instructions
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Although you are encouraged to obtain copies through PACER, the Clerk's Office will fulfill copy requests (subject to availability) at a cost of fifty (50¢) cents a page.

When requesting copies online specify the docket entry number of the document that you are requesting. If there is not a docket entry number beside the docket entry you are requesting, then a separate document does not exist and the entry is deemed a 'text-only' entry.

Pursuant to Judicial Conference policy, documents filed in criminal cases before November 1, 2004 are electronically viewable to court users and case participants only. In addition, pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Social Security and Immigration cases are electronically viewable to court users and case participants only. That means that the documents in these cases are not available through PACER, but they are available at the courthouse public terminal or through the copy request system.

There are certain public docket entries with non-public documents attached (i.e. sealed documents, minute entries). These documents are not available to the public through PACER or the copy request system.

Excluding certified copy requests, copies will typically be delivered to the requester at the email address provided in the copy request form.

All inquiries regarding the copy request process should be directed to Judith Barnard at 919.645.1700.