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Cell Phone “Pings” Cancelled

Per [Penal Code sections 830, 1523, 1528\(a\) and 1524](#), the information results of a Ping Warrant can only be received by law enforcement.

- As DCFS is not considered law enforcement, DCFS can no longer request a ping warrant through our Courts.
- The Office of County Counsel will continue looking for resources that will assist our cases.
- In the interim, if you have a case that you would like to seek a Ping Warrant, consult with the DCFS Child Abduction Team at Child_Abduction_Unit@dcfs.lacounty.gov or (323) 881-1303 to discuss requesting a Ping Warrant from law enforcement.

Please refer to:

- DCFS Policy: [1200-501.20](#), Child Abduction Recovery
- Child Abduction App: [Child-Abduction-Add-to-Homescreen-Guide.pdf \(lacounty.gov\)](#)
- Child Abduction website: <https://cab.dcfs.lacounty.gov/>
- Talent Works – [Child Abduction: Policies and Protocols eLearning](#)
- The [ICAN Child Abduction Task Force](#) meets monthly to roundtable cases. If you have a case you would like to present, please contact the DCFS Child Abduction Unit.

If you have any questions regarding this release, please e-mail your question to:

Policy@dcfs.lacounty.gov

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