

CHAPTER 388

COUNTY ATTORNEY

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Subdivision 1. **Authority.** The county attorney, or any deputy or assistant county attorney whom the county attorney authorizes in writing, has the authority to subpoena and require the production of any records of telephone companies, cellular phone companies, paging companies, electric companies, gas companies, water utilities, chemical suppliers, hotels and motels, pawn shops, airlines, buses, taxis, and other entities engaged in the business of transporting people, and freight companies, warehousing companies, self-service storage facilities, package delivery companies, and other entities engaged in the businesses of transport, storage, or delivery, and records of the existence of safe deposit box account numbers and customer savings and checking account numbers maintained by financial institutions and safe deposit companies, insurance records relating to the monetary payment or settlement of claims, and wage and employment records of an applicant or recipient of public assistance who is the subject of a welfare fraud investigation relating to eligibility information for public assistance programs. Subpoenas may only be issued for records that are relevant to an ongoing legitimate law enforcement investigation or welfare fraud investigation and there is probable cause that a crime has been committed. This provision applies only to the records of business entities and does not extend to private individuals or their dwellings. Subpoenas may only be served by peace officers as defined by section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (c).

[For text of subds 2 to 6, see M.S.1992]

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