

**RULE 543. Disposition of Case at Preliminary Hearing**

- (1) Pursuant to Pa.R.Crim.P. 543(D)(3), if an issuing authority holds a preliminary hearing in absentia and holds the case for court, s/he shall immediately forward the completed transcript to the Clerk of Court with a request that a bench warrant be issued by the Court of Common Pleas.
- (2) The Clerk of Court shall immediately docket and forward the transcript and request for bench warrant to the Court Administrator's Office for review and presentation to the Court.
- (3) Upon receipt of a signed bench warrant, the Clerk of Court shall immediately make the appropriate notation on the docket and transmit a copy of the warrant to the sheriff.