

Cpl. John Robinson

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Good afternoon, my name is Cpl. Robinson and I am a Correctional Deputy with the Harford County Sheriff's Office. I have been a Correctional Deputy for over 25 years, and I am here in support of SB 138. Essentially SB 138 is only expanding the location that we can serve warrants as was approved in 1997 to include the Circuit and District Courts in Harford County to keep valuable resources on the street.

In order to be certified to serve warrants Correctional Deputies must complete a block of training that is approved by the Maryland Police Training commission, this is same training Law Enforcement Deputies receive on warrant service. This training ensures Deputies understand the many different types of warrants that are issued such as Arrest Warrants, Bench Warrants, Body Attachments, Criminal Summons, Circuit Court Indictments, or Charge against a Fugitive. Officers are taught how to verify the identity of the individual with the identify characteristics on the warrant. This includes full name, height, and weight, date of birth, social security number, gender, race and address. Additional means to identifying someone would be run a background check, which the 3 Correctional Deputies at the Harford County Detention Center are approved to do under XXXX.

Since being certified by the commission to serve warrants I have personally served more than 100 warrants at the Harford County Detention Center. During the process of receiving a prisoner or releasing them a warrant check is done. If a warrant is found it is verified, then served. Once the warrant is served the prisoner is then fingerprinted and photographed. Once verification is complete through fingerprints and photographs the prisoner is seen by the commissioner for an initial appearance if the warrant dictates. Harford is unique wherein we have Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) in the County. All visitors to APG have a warrant check done. If APG police verifying any warrants but not authorized to serve local warrants, they are brought to the Detention Center. Once at the Detention Center personnel at the Detention Center reverify the warrant then the warrant is served by Detention Center personnel. After being served the process of fingerprinting, photographing and initial appearance before the commissioner is completed.