

To ensure you get this information ASAP please submit two separate court orders, one to Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and one to Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA). Most importantly, you have to specify the records sought. The words “Any and All” will not suffice. To be specific, submit only to VHA if you are seeking healthcare related information and submit only to VBA if you are seeking benefits information to include payment history, bank information, etc. However, it’s always helpful to request from both sources to ensure you get what you need. **Remember, a court order is only required when you want certain information that is “protected” under HIPPA (drug, alcohol treatment, substance abuse, sickle cell and HIV records). Both VHA and some VBA records sought may contain the protected information. In the event you don’t need protected information a request made by a B7 letter will suffice.** A signed release from the veteran will exempt your need for any court order.

**VHA example language to request:**

ALL VETERAN'S AFFAIRS MEDICAL RECORDS FOR JOHN DOE BETWEEN 1992 AND THE PRESENT.  
(DOB) (SSN)  
ALL RELATED MEDICAL RECORDS TO INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT,  
MEDICATIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH PTSD, DEPRESSION, ETC.

**VBA example language to request:**

ALL RECORDS OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS BENEFITS THAT WERE FILED FOR BY JOHN DOE (DOB) (SSN)

Please address the VHA court order to the following:

Leslie Wiggins  
Director  
Atlanta VA Medical Center  
1670 Clairmont Road  
Decatur, GA 30033

Please address the VBA court order to the following:

Al Bocchicchio  
Director  
Atlanta VBA Regional Office  
1700 Clairmont Road  
Decatur, GA 30033

Once you receive the signed court orders you can attach them in an email and send them to the below names for processing. I would also give them a call to let them know your request is for a law enforcement purpose, which is typically expedited and for them to look out for the orders due to the fact they both receive large amounts of FOIA request:

VBA



VHA



***Tracy Brumfield***

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