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Courts Announce Computer System Switchover

Online case information will be delayed during transition

The [Charleston County Clerk of Court's Office](#) and the [Charleston County's Magistrate Courts](#) are switching over to the [South Carolina Judicial Department Statewide Case Management System](#) this month.

The switchover will have some effects on anyone who needs to access information online, so the County is getting out advanced notice to help minimize any inconvenience. The changes will vary for each office, and are described in detail below.

CLERK OF COURT'S OFFICE

The Common Pleas and General Sessions divisions of the [Charleston County Clerk of Court's Office](#) will migrate to the South Carolina Judicial Department Statewide Case Management System during the week of Feb. 21, 2011.

The switchover will have the following effects on the public:

- Because of the migration, online case information for the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions cannot be updated Feb. 22-25. The [Online Case Search function](#) will remain available, but the information will only be current through Friday, Feb. 18.
 - Data for the following functions will not be updated during this migration period:
 - Online Case Search for General Sessions and Common Pleas
 - Common Pleas images
 - All RSS feeds
 - Bondsmen Data File
 - All other online services will remain available and will continue to receive updates. This includes the Day Book Search and Court Rosters.
 - Data updates will resume on Monday, Feb. 28.
 - Anyone with questions should call the Clerk of Court's Office at (843) 958-5000, or see department information online at <http://www3.charlestoncounty.org/docs/CoC/index.html>.
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MAGISTRATE COURTS

[Charleston County's Magistrate Courts](#) will migrate to the South Carolina Judicial Department Statewide Case Management System on Monday, Feb. 28, 2011.

The switchover will have the following effects on the public:

- The switchover will require the County to close all the magistrate courts at 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18, with the exception of Centralized Bond Hearing Court and Preliminary Hearing Court.
 - Magistrate Courts will reopen on Tuesday, Feb. 22 with [normal working hours](#).
 - Because of the computer system transition, the online case information for the Magistrates Courts cannot be updated during the period of Feb. 19-27. The online case search function will remain available during this timeframe, but the information will only be current through Friday, Feb. 18.
 - Anyone with questions should call the Summary Court Administration Office at (843) 202-6600, or see department information online at <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/Departments/Magistrates/index.htm>.
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Charleston County Government appreciates the public's patience while the system undergoes this transition in order to be consistent with the state.

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