

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES



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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 1-77-87

To: All County Welfare Departments
All Public and Private Adoption Agencies
SDSS Adoption District Offices

SUBJECT: FALSIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATES

The purpose of this notice is to inform adoption agencies about the proper procedure to be followed in any adoption in which the agency believes that a birth parent has provided false information for issuance of a birth certificate by the Department of Health Services. Information which is disclosed by a birth parent is considered a part of the adoption case record and is confidential under the Information Practices Act (Civil Code Section 1798 et. seq.). Therefore, this information cannot be released from the case record to the Department of Health Services.

When the agency believes that false information has been given in order to secure a birth certificate, the agency should include this allegation and the specific facts in the court report which is authorized by Civil Code Section 226.6. The report should also include a statement concerning the specific Health and Safety Code section which may have been violated and the agency's inability under the Information Practices Act to report the suspected violation to the Department of Health Services.

Any questions concerning this matter should be directed to your adoption policy consultant at (916) 322-4228 or ATSS 492-4228.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "L. Suter", is positioned above the typed name of the Deputy Director.

LOREN D. SUTER
Deputy Director
Adult and Family Services Division

cc: CWDA