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# 18 U.S. Code § 3127

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## Definitions for chapter

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As used in this chapter—

- (1) the terms “wire communication”, “electronic communication”, “electronic communication service”, and “contents” have the meanings set forth for such terms in section 2510 of this title;
- (2) the term “court of competent jurisdiction” means—
  - (A) any district court of the United States (including a magistrate judge of such a court) or any United States court of appeals that—
    - (i) has jurisdiction over the offense being investigated;
    - (ii) is in or for a district in which the provider of a wire or electronic communication service is located;
    - (iii) is in or for a district in which a landlord, custodian, or other person subject to subsections (a) or (b) of section 3124 of this title is located; or
    - (iv) is acting on a request for foreign assistance pursuant to section 3512 of this title; or
  - (B) a court of general criminal jurisdiction of a State authorized by the law of that State to enter orders authorizing the use of a pen register or a trap and trace device;

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