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Texas Warrant Round Up Grace Period Ends February 24

HOUSTON, Texas – The City of Houston Municipal Courts Department, HPD, and several Harris County Constables, along with dozens of Gulf Coast law enforcement entities, announced their participation in the upcoming “2012 Great Texas Warrant Round-Up” Friday, February 10, 2012. The last day to resolve warrant cases before the grace period officially comes to an end is Friday, February 24, 2012.

This coming Saturday, February 25, 2012, the Great Texas Warrant Round-Up will get underway when law enforcement agencies from Houston and surrounding counties such as Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Liberty, Montgomery, Waller and Wharton will simultaneously look for individuals in their cities with outstanding warrants, an occurrence that will be happening in jurisdictions statewide.

The City of Houston Municipal Courts alone has thousands of active warrants it is seeking to clear. Over one hundred thousand notices were mailed to Houston Municipal Court defendants with active warrants.

“While numerous people have already stepped forward to resolve their court matters, there are still too many defendants who have cases in warrant status, and therefore they remain under the threat of arrest. Citizens are encouraged to either call us or come in and discuss your case with a Judge or a prosecutor. There are several options available for case resolution,” said Presiding Judge Barbara E. Hartle.

Once the warrant period begins February 25th, HPD officers will aggressively target those persons on the warrant list and arrests can take place at any location, including the defendant’s home, school or workplace. Citizens with warrants in jurisdictions other than the City of Houston should contact those jurisdictions for information about how to clear those warrants. A complete list of participating regional partners is listed at the end of this announcement and can also be found at www.houstontx.gov/courts

For more information about City of Houston warrants or citations visit the website at www.houstontx.gov/courts or contact City's Helpline at 3-1-1 or 713-837-0311 if outside the City of Houston.

2012 Great Warrant Round-Up FAQ's

Why are you doing this?

To close cases for which all other means of resolution have been unsuccessful.

Why do this now?

Statewide cooperation with other entities provides broader public awareness. Tax refund season creates better opportunity for some defendants to have the ability to pay their fines.

How many warrants are outstanding?

This number is not constant and changes all the time. In the month of January, in the City of Houston alone there was an average of about 300,000 active warrants in the court's system. Some defendants have multiple warrants.

How can I find out if I have warrants?

For the City of Houston Municipal Court warrants, dial Houston's Helpline at 3-1-1, visit the website at www.houstontx.gov/courts or visit any City of Houston municipal court location (see chart below). For information about warrants issued out of the Harris County Justice Courts, visit the Justice Court's website at www.jp.hctx.net. For warrants issued out of surrounding municipal and justice courts, contact the Court in that particular jurisdiction for further information.

What are my options if I find out I do have warrants?

You may pay the fine and court costs, or post a bond and have your case(s) reset for a new court date. You may also seek legal advice from an attorney.

If I come to court to pay, will I be arrested?

No, citizens are encouraged to come in voluntarily to resolve cases during the Warrant Round-Up.

Will there be an amnesty offered to reduce the cost of any of the fines or fees?

Not at this time.

If I want to pay for my warrants, what are my payment options?

Payment options for warrants issued by the City of Houston Municipal Courts are as follows:

- ONLINE – <http://www.houstontx.gov/courts/OnlineTicketPayments.html>
- BY PHONE – Call 713.221.0288 (24 hour payment line)

- BY MAIL - Municipal Courts, P.O. Box 4996, Houston, TX 77210-4996

COURT LOCATIONS		
MAIN LOCATION	HOURS	PHONE
Herbert W. Gee Municipal Courthouse 1400 Lubbock Houston, TX 77002	Monday - Saturday 7am to 10pm	713.247.5479
ANNEX LOCATIONS	HOURS	PHONE
Acres Homes/North Command Station 9455 West Montgomery Houston, TX 77088	Monday - Friday 8am to 5pm	281.405.5319
Clear Lake Sub-Station 2855 Bay Area Boulevard Houston, TX 77058	Thursday 8am to 5pm	281.283.4946 281.283.4947
Kingwood (Municipal Court Annex) 3915 Rustic Woods Kingwood, Texas 77339-5203	Wednesday 8am to 7pm	281.361.6574
* Southeast Command Station (Courts 13 & 14) 8300 Mykawa Houston, TX 77048	Monday - Friday 8am to 5pm	713.731.5155 713.731.5156
* Westside Command Station (Court 18) 3203 South Dairy Ashford Houston, TX 77082-2320	Monday - Friday 8 am to 9pm	281.584.4889
NOTE: All courtrooms are closed Noon to 1 P.M.		

- WESTERN UNION (use code Ticket Texas)
- IN PERSON – at any of the six court locations listed:

For payment options for warrants in other jurisdictions, contact the appropriate Court for that area.

What forms of payment do you accept?

We accept cash, checks, money orders, American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa.

After I pay, how long will it take for the information to be removed from DPS records?

The Department of Public Safety will clear holds on driver's licenses within 7 to 10 business days.

2012 Great Texas Warrant Round Up Regional Participant List

[Alvin, City of](#)
[Angleton Municipal Court](#)
[Austin County JP 3](#)
[Baytown Marshals Office & Court](#)
[Brenham Municipal Court](#)
[College Station, City of](#)
[Conroe Municipal Court](#)
[Deer Park Municipal Court](#)
[Dickinson Municipal Court](#)
[Friendswood Municipal Court](#)
[Fulshear Municipal Court](#)
[Galveston Police Department](#)
[Harris County Constable PCT 1](#)
[Harris County Constable PCT 2](#)
[Harris County Constable PCT 3](#)

[Harris County Constable PCT 4](#)
[Harris County Constable PCT 5](#)
[Harris County Constable PCT 6](#)
[Harris County Constable PCT 7](#)
[Harris County Constable PCT 8](#)

[Harris County Justice Court PCT 1 PLC 1](#)
[Harris County Justice Court PCT 1 PLC 2](#)
[Harris County Justice Court PCT 2 PLC 1](#)
[Harris County Justice Court PCT 2 PLC 2](#)
[Harris County Justice Court PCT 3 PLC 1](#)
[Harris County Justice Court PCT 3 PLC 2](#)
[Harris County Justice Court PCT 4 PLC 1](#)
[Harris County Justice Court PCT 4 PLC 2](#)
[Harris County Justice Court PCT 5 PLC 1](#)
[Harris County Justice Court PCT 5 PLC 2](#)
[Harris County Justice Court PCT 6 PLC 1](#)
[Harris County Justice Court PCT 6 PLC 2](#)
[Harris County Justice Court PCT 7 PLC 1](#)
[Harris County Justice Court PCT 7 PLC 2](#)
[Harris County Justice Court PCT 8 PLC 1](#)
[Harris County Justice Court PCT 8 PLC 2](#)

[Houston Municipal Court](#)

[Humble Municipal Court](#)

[Katy Municipal Court](#)

[La Marque Municipal Court](#)

LaPorte Municipal Court

[League City Municipal Court](#)

City of Magnolia

[Missouri City Municipal Court](#)

Nacogdoches County JP PCT 1

Nacogdoches County JP PCT 3

Nacogdoches Municipal Court

[Oak Ridge North Municipal Court](#)

[Pearland, City of](#)

[Piney Point Village, City of](#)

[Prairie View Municipal Court](#)

[Rosenberg Municipal Court](#)

[Sealy Municipal Court](#)

[Shenandoah Municipal Court](#)

[Southside Place, City of](#)

Stafford Municipal Court

[Sweeny Municipal Court](#)

Taylor Lake, City of

Texas City Municipal Court

Tomball, City of

[Waller Municipal Court](#)

[Washington County JP #3](#)

Webster Municipal Court/PD