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Warrant Round Up Begins, Saturday, March 5

HOUSTON, Texas – At a press conference held at the **Herbert W. Gee** Municipal Courthouse on February 19, 2016, the City of Houston Municipal Courts, Houston Police Department, and various other law enforcement agencies throughout the Gulf Coast region gave notice of their intention to participate in the **2016 Great Texas Warrant Round Up**. Today is the final day to resolve warrant cases voluntarily before the Round Up effort begins, Saturday, March 5, 2016.

Houston Police Officers will hit the streets with lists provided by the City of Houston Municipal Courts containing names of people with outstanding warrants. Harris County Constables in all seven precincts will also be looking for people with active warrants within their specific jurisdictions.

“Citizens are strongly encouraged to call us or come in voluntarily as soon as possible to discuss their case(s) with a Judge or a prosecutor. There are several options available for case resolution” said Presiding Judge Barbara E. Hartle.

Notices are being mailed to all Houston Municipal Court defendants with active warrants. Individuals with warrants in jurisdictions other than the City of Houston should contact those jurisdictions for information about how to clear outstanding warrants. A complete list of participating regional partners and more information about warrants or outstanding citations can be found at www.houstontx.gov/courts or you may contact the Houston Helpline at 3-1-1 or 713-837-0311, if outside the City of Houston. For information about warrants issued out of the Harris County Justice Courts, visit their website at www.jp.hctx.net.

2016 Great Warrant Round-Up FAQ's

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Why are you doing this?

To resolve 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 and court costs.

How many warrants are outstanding?

This number is not constant and changes periodically. 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 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 their website at www.jp.hctx.net. Individuals with warrants in jurisdictions other than the City of Houston and Harris County Justice Courts, should contact those jurisdictions for information about how to clear outstanding warrants.

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 if there are no judgments yet. You may also seek legal advice from an attorney. You may come in and speak with a Judge about a payment plan application or community service.

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

No, defendants are encouraged to come in voluntarily to resolve cases during the Warrant Round-Up and at any time to speak with a Judge or Prosecutor.

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

Not at this time. If your cases have not yet been adjudicated, you can speak with a Prosecutor regarding a plea bargain.

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/ticket_payments.html
- BY PHONE – Call 713.221.0288 (24-hour payment line)
- BY MAIL - Municipal Courts Dept., P.O. Box 4996, Houston, TX 77210-4996
- WESTERN UNION (use code: Ticket Texas)
- IN PERSON – at any of the six court locations listed:

COURT LOCATIONS		
CENTRAL LOCATION	HOURS	PHONE
Herbert W. Gee Municipal Courthouse 1400 Lubbock Houston, TX 77002	Monday - Friday 8am to 10pm Saturday 8am to 4pm	713.247.5479
ANNEX LOCATIONS*	HOURS	PHONE
Acres Homes/North Command Station <i>(Court 20)</i> 9455 West Montgomery Houston, TX 77088	Monday - Friday 8am to 5pm	832.394.1513
Clear Lake Sub-Station <i>(Municipal Court Annex)</i> 2855 Bay Area Boulevard Houston, TX 77058	Thursday 8am to 5pm	832.395.1877
Kingwood <i>(Municipal Court Annex)</i> 3915 Rustic Woods Kingwood, Texas 77339-5203	Wednesday 7:30am to 4:30pm	832.395.8042
Southeast Command Station <i>(Courts 13 & 14)</i> 8300 Mykawa Houston, TX 77048	Monday - Friday 8am to 5pm	832.394.2202 832.394.2206
Westside Command Station <i>(Court 18)</i> 3203 South Dairy Ashford Houston, TX 77082-2320	Monday - Friday 8am to 9pm	832.394.5150
*NOTE: All Annex locations are closed from Noon to 1:00 P.M.		

For payment options for warrants in other jurisdictions, please contact the appropriate court in 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.

2016 Great Texas Warrant Round Up Regional Partners

[Addison Municipal Court](#)
[Alvin, City of](#)
[Angleton Municipal Court](#)
[Austin County](#)
[Azle, City of](#)
[Bay City Municipal Court](#)
[Baytown Marshal's Office](#)
[Bellaire Police Department](#)
[Brazoria Municipal Court](#)
[Brenham Municipal Court](#)
[Bryan Municipal Court](#)
[Clute Municipal Court](#)
[Colorado County](#)
[Colorado County Justice of the Peace](#)
[Conroe Municipal Court](#)
[Deer Park Municipal Court](#)
[Dickinson Municipal Court](#)
[Friendswood Municipal Court](#)
[Fulshear Municipal Court](#)
[Galveston Police Department](#)
[Grandview, City of / Johnson County](#)
[Harris County Constables \(all Precincts\)](#)
[Harris County Justice of the Peace Courts](#)
[Humble Municipal Court](#)
[Karnes City Municipal Court](#)
[LaMarque Municipal Court](#)
[LaPorte Municipal Court](#)
[League City Municipal Court](#)
[Manvel Municipal Court](#)
[Morgan's Point Municipal Court](#)
[Nacogdoches County](#)
[Nueces County](#)
[Oak Ridge North Municipal Court](#)
[Pearland, City of](#)
[Roman Forest, City of](#)
[Rosenberg, City of](#)
[Santa Fe Municipal Court](#)
[Seabrook, City of](#)
[Sealy Municipal Court](#)
[Southside Place, City of](#)
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[Stagecoach Municipal Court](#)
[Stafford Municipal Court](#)
[Sugar Land Municipal Court](#)
[Texas City Municipal Court](#)
[Tomball, City of](#)
[Vidor Municipal Court](#)
[Waller County Justice of the Peace](#)
[Waller Municipal Court](#)
[Ward County Justice of the Peace](#)
[Washington County Justice of the Peace, Pct 3](#)
[Webster Municipal Court](#)
[Wichita Falls, City of](#)
[Wylie Municipal Court](#)