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2013 Warrant Round-Up

SWEENY, Texas – The City of Sweeny’s Police Department will be among more than 300 law enforcement jurisdictions across Texas, and 75 in the Gulf Coast region alone, that will be participating in the “2013 Great Texas Warrant Round-Up”. Sweeny Police Officers will join other regional participants in this statewide annual event, which officially begins Saturday, March 2, 2013, to look for individuals with outstanding warrants.

The City of Sweeny Municipal Court has hundreds of active warrants it is seeking to clear. Municipal Court officials are encouraging defendants to take advantage of the options available to settle outstanding warrants immediately. No amnesty is being offered in conjunction with the Round-Up effort.

Once the arrest period begins March 2, 2013, SPD officers will aggressively target persons on the warrant list and arrests can take place at any location, including the defendant’s home, school or workplace.

Notices are being mailed to all Sweeny Municipal Court defendants with active warrants. Citizens with warrants in jurisdictions other than the City of Sweeny should contact those jurisdictions for information about how to clear those warrants. A complete list of participating Regional Partners can be found at www.houstontx.gov/courts and is also attached to this press release.

For more information about warrants or citations visit our website at www.ci.sweeny.tx.us or contact us at 979.548.3325 or 979.548.3111.

2013 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 Sweeny currently holds 500+ outstanding warrants.

How can I find out if I have warrants?

For Sweeny Municipal Court warrants, dial 979.548.3325, visit the website at www.ci.sweeny.tx.us or come by the City of Sweeny Municipal Court Office at 102 W Ashley Wilson Rd. 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 in some cases 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 prior to the arrest period.

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 Sweeny Municipal Court are as follows:

- BY MAIL – Sweeny Municipal Court, P.O. Box 248, Sweeny, TX 77480
- IN PERSON – Sweeny City Hall, 102 W Ashley Wilson Rd, Sweeny, TX 77480

What forms of payment do you accept?

We accept cash, checks, and money orders.

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.