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## Warrants

The Constables Office serves all warrants received from the Justice of the Peace Court. The Justice of the Peace Court issues warrants of arrest for individuals who fail to take care of traffic violations received in DeWitt County, or fails to comply with a court order to pay a fine or return property.

The Justice of the Peace Court mails a warrant post card to the individual, requesting that the fine or matter be resolved and informs the person that a warrant of arrest has already been issued. Once a warrant is issued by the Justice of the Peace Court, the person may be arrested on the warrant at any time.

If the individual named in the warrant is local an attempt is made to contact that person at their place of residence and work. All information available on the person is used in order to successfully comply with the warrant. Once a person has been arrested on a Justice of the Peace warrant, they will be given an opportunity to pay the fine and comply with the warrant or spend time in the DeWitt County Jail.

A common misconception is that a warrant will not remain active (on an individual's record) after a few years have passed; this is false. A warrant will remain active (on an individual's record) until that individual takes the appropriate actions to resolve the warrant.

In the event you have a warrant and want to get it resolved, contact the Justice of The Peace clerk at 361-275-3443. Please provide the clerk with your Name, date of birth, and Texas Driver's License or Texas Identification Number. Older warrants are sometimes more difficult to resolve as your current personal information may have changed. Any and all information should be provided to the court clerk to assist in accessing your file. Depending on the specifics of the warrant the court clerk will provide you instructions on getting the matter resolved.

If you are unsure if you have any outstanding traffic warrants in Texas you can access the Texas Department of Public Safety Database at <a href="http://www.texasfailuretoappear.com/search.php">http://www.texasfailuretoappear.com/search.php</a>