

STANDING ORDER

§ IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
§
§ FOR THE TOWN OF WESTLAKE
§
§ COUNTY OF DENTON OR TARRANT
§
§ STATE OF TEXAS

STANDING ORDER ON
Citations in Warrant

1. ALIAS WARRANTS: A defendant who was 17 years of age or older on the date of the original offense and who has an alias warrant for his/her arrest, has four options:

(a) Pay the entire amount due on the ticket in warrant and the warrant will be cleared from the regional computer system. Defendants choosing this option, who have not previously been arrested on a warrant regarding the same ticket, may receive deferred adjudication if the Defendant was eligible for deferred adjudication prior to the ticket going into warrant.

(b) Pay one-half of the total amount due, and then the Defendant may receive a payment plan for the remaining amount according to the payment schedule established by the Judge. This option will result in a conviction—deferred is not available.

(c) Post an acceptable bond for the entire amount due. The case will then be set for court. Please see section below regarding acceptable bonds.

(d) Be arrested by a police officer or voluntarily turn himself into the Keller jail. Once a defendant turns himself into the jail, he will be seen by a judge on the next business day or will be released from jail after 24 hours with a court date of the next day is a weekend day or holiday.

2. CAPIAS WARRANTS: A defendant who was 17 years of age or older on the date of the original offense and who has a capias pro fine warrant for his/her arrest, has two options:

(a) Pay the entire amount due on the ticket in warrant and the warrant will be cleared from the regional computer system.

(b) Be arrested by a police officer or voluntarily turn himself into the Keller jail. Once a defendant turns himself into the jail he will be seen by a judge on the next business day after his arrest.

3. ALIAS WARRANTS WHEN DEFENDANT WAS UNDER 17 AT THE TIME OF THE OFFENSE: A defendant who was under 17 years of age on the date of the original offense and who has an alias warrant for his/her arrest, has three options:

(a) A defendant was under 17 years of age on the date of the offense may enter a plea of no contest or guilty and dispose of his ticket at the window. The warrant will be cleared from the regional computer system. A defendant who chooses this option, and who has not previously been arrested on a warrant regarding the same ticket, may receive deferred adjudication if the Defendant was eligible for deferred adjudication prior to the ticket going into warrant. The defendant may receive a payment plan or community service, whichever he prefers.

(b) Post a bond (surety, attorney or cash, as detailed below) for the entire amount due. The case will then be set for court. Please see section below regarding acceptable bonds.

(c) Be arrested by a police officer or voluntarily turn himself into the Keller jail. Once a defendant turns himself into the jail, he will be seen by a judge on the next business day or will be released from jail after 24 hours with a court date, if the following day is a weekend day or holiday.

4. BONDS (Generally)

1. Surety (Licensed Bonding Company) or Attorney Bond: If a Defendant has never previously posted a bond for his ticket, the court will accept a surety bond from a licensed bonding company or an attorney bond on an alias warrant. If a Defendant has previously posted a surety or attorney bond for his ticket and subsequently fails to appear at any court setting resulting in a new alias warrant being issued, a surety or attorney bond will not be accepted—a cash bond will be required. A Defendant who is also a licensed attorney may not post an attorney bond for himself.

2. Cash Bond: A cash bond is acceptable on all alias warrants and as an appeal bond. A cash bond is also the only acceptable bond that may be posted when a defendant is resetting a court date for which a previous Motion for Continuance has not been granted. No bond is required in cases where a Motion for Continuance is granted.

3. Appeal Bond: An appeal bond must be made in cash.

4. Personal Bond: A personal bond will only be accepted on an alias warrant when the defendant has been arrested on a weekend or holiday and 24 hours has passed and the defendant has not posted a bond and has not been seen by a judge in order to enter a plea on his ticket.

SIGNED AND ORDERED this 26 day of Aug, 2017.

Brad Bradley
Presiding Judge
Municipal Court of Record