

PRESS RELEASE



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One Month Until The Great Texas Warrant Roundup of 2012

In just a few weeks law enforcement agencies from over 200 jurisdictions across Texas will combine forces in what is believed to be the largest joint warrant round up of this type in Texas. The multi-jurisdictional warrant roundup will begin on **Saturday, February 25 and will continue for several weeks**. Arrests will focus on persons with warrants from all of the 200 participating jurisdictions.

The Lakeway Municipal Court and Lakeway Police Department are participating in this roundup along with several large Texas metropolitan areas, including Amarillo, Austin, Burnet, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Houston, Lakeway, Midland-Odessa, San Antonio, as well as numerous counties, justices of the peace, and other municipalities of all sizes.

If you have a warrant in Lakeway Municipal Court and you contact the court prior to being arrested, the court will work with you to post bail and request a trial or to waive trial and work out a time payment plan for paying fines. Those defendants who fail to contact the court will be arrested and transported to the Travis County Jail and will be required to post bail before they are released.

Defendants with warrants can be arrested at home, while driving, or at work. The benefit of coming into court now, voluntarily, is that in most cases the defendant will not be arrested and can work out a time-payment plan or set their case for trial.

Hundreds of thousands of notices have been mailed to defendants across Texas during the past few days to persons with warrants active against them in those jurisdictions. Although the concentration is on Class C charges, which include traffic, criminal parking, penal code and city ordinance violations, higher charge warrants will also be served.

Persons with warrants are urged to contact the Lakeway Municipal Court at 314-7560 or to contact the Lakeway Municipal Court Warrant Clerk Denise Carranco at 314-7566 immediately in order to dispose of their cases voluntarily and avoid the inconvenience and embarrassment of arrest at home or at work in front of family, friends or co-workers. These cases can be taken care of by either: (1) posting bail bonds and setting your cases for trial; or (2) by waiving your right to jury trial, entering a plea of “no contest,” and working out a time payment plan for the fines and court costs to be paid.

In addition to the likelihood of an arrest, any offender with an outstanding warrant will not be able to renew their driver’s license, since Lakeway Municipal Court is part of the Texas Omni System which flags and will not allow the renewal of Texas driver’s licenses of defendants who have failed to appear in court or who have not fulfilled their obligation to pay their fines or costs to the court.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin R. Madison".

Judge Kevin Madison
Presiding Judge, Lakeway Municipal Court