

# **Media Advisory**

## **2022 Texas Court Case Resolution Campaign**

Law enforcement agencies and courts statewide are participating in a Warrant Resolution Campaign. Beginning on February 28<sup>th</sup>, individuals can expect to see public service advertisements and receive contact from Courts regarding the campaign. Agencies will step up efforts to actively resolve outstanding cases beginning March 20.

The campaign is designed to target thousands of defendants with outstanding cases in participating jurisdictions including numerous county, justices of the peace and municipal courts.

During the weeks of March 21<sup>st</sup>,2022 through April 1<sup>st</sup>,2022, The Cleveland Municipal Court Judge will allow the Warrant Resolution Program. Defendants will be allowed to appear in court, without threat of being arrested, pay 50% of total amount of outstanding warrants, and the warrant will be inactivated. Defendant must pay the 50% amount in full, no payment plans.

Under Texas Law, individuals appearing before a court and making a good faith effort to resolve outstanding Class C cases are afforded safe harbor and not subject to arrest. Additionally, if a judgment is rendered against an individual who is unable to pay the judgment, the individual may request a judge to assess their ability to pay and offer alternative means to satisfy the judgment.

Individuals with outstanding cases are encouraged to contact the Court to voluntarily resolve their cases before being compelled to appear in Court.

Defendants with outstanding warrants have previously been reported to DPS and will not be allowed to renew a driver's license until all warrants are cleared

For more information, contact the *Cleveland Municipal Court at 281-592-5639.*

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