

Judicial Standing Order No. 8 **Warrants and Capias Pro Fines**

Warrants

IT IS ORDERED that a defendant who voluntarily appears in Court or at the Court Clerk's Window for whom a warrant of arrest has been issued shall be arrested unless they make a good faith effort to resolve the arrest warrant in accordance with Judicial Standing Order No. 31.

A defendant may post a "Cash Bond" using cash, cashier's check, money order, credit or debit card or other cash equivalent. **No personal checks may be accepted to pay a warrant.**

If the defendant is unable to post a cash bond, the Clerk shall accept a personal bond from the defendant after the defendant has completed a Financial Information Questionnaire and the contact information has been verified.

IT IS ORDERED that upon the posting of a bond (surety, cash or personal) or payment in full of the fine, the warrant shall be recalled immediately and notification shall be sent to the Lewisville Police Department for removal of the warrant from regional crime information computers.

Appearance Bonds, whether personal, cash or surety, must be signed by the principal. Attorney bonds may be accepted without the signature of the principal if the attorney has filed a Notice of Appearance or acknowledges by other means his status as attorney of record for the defendant. All attorney bonds shall include the attorney's signature and state bar card number, address and telephone number. Bonds may be accepted electronically. The clerk receiving the bond shall date-stamp all bonds received.

IT IS ORDERED that no bond shall be required until a warrant has been signed by the Court. In the event a Judgment *Nisi* is signed, the defendant shall post a "Cash Bond" before the case is placed back on the "No Contest" or "Attorney Plea" Docket unless otherwise authorized by the Court.

Capias Pro Fines

IT IS ORDERED that a defendant who voluntarily appears in Court or at the Court Clerk's Window for whom a *Capias Pro Fine* has been issued shall be arrested unless they resolve the amount owed in accordance with Judicial Standing Orders No. 32.

The defendant shall complete a Financial Information Questionnaire and the clerk shall verify the contact information. Upon verification, the clerk shall recall the *Capias Pro Fine* and set the defendant for a Show Cause hearing at the next available date.

If the defendant fails or refuses to complete the Financial Information Questionnaire as requested, the *Capias Pro Fine* shall be executed.

IT IS SO ORDERED on this the 5th day of January, 2023.

Diane Dupnik
Justice of the Peace, Pct 1,
Aransas County, TX.