

# WARRANT INFORMATION



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## **WHAT IS A WARRANT?**

A court order authorizing your arrest for a crime you have committed.

## **HOW DOES A PERSON GET A WARRANT ISSUED IN THEIR NAME?**

After being arrested for a crime you are given the opportunity to pay a fine or appear before a Judge. If you do not comply with either of these methods, a warrant may be issued for your arrest for the original crime committed. In addition, an arrest warrant can be issued from evidence collected in a crime report submitted to the District Attorney indicating possible guilt. This is an Arrest Warrant.

## **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU MISS A COURT DATE?**

If you miss a court date, a bench warrant may be issued by the court. The warrant will be assigned for service to the agency where the initial crime occurred.

## **WHAT HAPPENS IF I FAIL TO APPEAR AT JAIL?**

If you fail to appear at jail, a bench warrant may be issued by the court. The warrant will be assigned to the agency responsible where the initial crime occurred.

### **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FAIL TO PAY A FINE?**

If you fail to pay a fine, a bench warrant may be issued by the court. The warrant will be assigned to the agency responsible where the initial crime occurred.

### **WHAT SHOULD I DO AFTER I RECEIVE A LETTER FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT?**

Bring the letter with you to any law enforcement agency and turn yourself in.

### **HOW DO I TURN MYSELF IN ON A WARRANT?**

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### **WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I TURN MYSELF IN?**

You will be placed under arrest on the warrant and advised of the specific charges against you. Depending on the severity of the warrant, you will either receive a citation with a new court date and time to appear, or be booked into a jail. If the warrant is from a county other than Stanislaus, you may be transferred to an additional jail after being booked into the Stanislaus County Jail. The warrant will be cleared from the system.

### **CAN I CALL THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIND OUT IF I HAVE A WARRANT?**

No you cannot, you must come in person. No information will be released over the telephone as we are unable to determine who the information is being given to.

### **WILL THE WARRANT GO AWAY IF I IGNORE IT?**

No it will not. The warrant will remain active in system until it has been served.

### **I'M AFRAID TO FIND OUT IF I HAVE A WARRANT.**

If you are aware that you have a warrant or suspect that you do, it is to your benefit to take care of it immediately. If you do not take care of it, it may be served at your home or at a public place, at the grocery store, etc. If you are driving a vehicle at time of arrest your vehicle may be towed.

## **LIST OF LOCAL COURTS**

**Merced County Superior Court  
627 W. 21 Street  
Merced, CA 95340  
209-725-4100**

**Merced County Superior Court  
Los Banos Division  
1159 G Street  
Los Banos, CA 93635  
(209)725-4124**

**Stanislaus County Superior Court  
811 11th Street  
Modesto, CA 95350  
209-530-3100**

**San Joaquin County Superior Court  
Manteca Branch  
315 E Center Street  
Manteca, CA 95336  
209-239-1316**

**San Joaquin County Superior Court  
Stockton Courthouse  
222 E Weber Av  
Stockton, CA 95202  
209-992-5555**