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Great Texas Warrant Roundup begins today in Melissa

Voluntary compliance can avoid an embarrassing arrest

MELISSA (February 28, 2022) Representatives of law enforcement agencies and courts in more than 250 jurisdictions across Texas, including Melissa, announced combined efforts to host the 16th Great Texas Warrant Roundup beginning today, Monday, Feb. 28.

"The roundup is designed to target thousands of defendants with traffic, parking, city ordinance, penal code and higher charge warrants from participating jurisdictions," said Melissa Municipal Court Administrator Lorie Lambert. "It is believed to be the largest joint operation of its kind with arrests expected to continue for several days."

Hundreds of thousands of notices were recently mailed statewide by participating entities. Numerous counties, justices of the peace, constables and municipalities of all sizes will participate in the roundup.

Specific information as to the number of outstanding warrants, how to take care of warrants prior to arrest, and any other special roundup activities or events may be obtained by contacting the representative for each agency. In Melissa, for example, Municipal Court can be reached at (972) 838-2034 and is located on the first floor of City Hall, 3411 Barker Ave. Staff is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Affected persons are urged to contact the Melissa Municipal Court, or the appropriate jurisdiction, between Feb. 28 and March 11 to dispose of their cases voluntarily.

"Taking action by contacting the court voluntarily avoids the inconvenience and embarrassment of possible arrest at home or work in front of family, friends or co-workers," said Lambert.

Once contact is made with the Municipal Court staff, either by phone or in person, additional information on how to pay citations and avoid arrest during the warrant roundup, will be provided in detail.

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ABOUT THE CITY OF MELISSA – The City of Melissa is a fast-growing progressive suburb with a small-town feel, located 35 miles north of downtown Dallas in the dynamic growth area of northeast Collin County. Melissa sits on 21 square miles, is home to over 19,000 people, and is easily accessible by way of three intersecting highways. Melissa has ample inventory of the highly-sought-after undeveloped frontage available on US 75 and SH 121, primed to serve the commercial needs of a booming Collin County. Melissa is a home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government.