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CHRONOLOGICALLY DISTINGUISHING THE WARRANT, CAPIAS, AND CAPIAS PRO FINE IN THE TEXAS CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Purpose	Prior to Formal Charging	After Formal Charging but Prior to Judgment	After Judgment and Sentence
Bond Forfeiture or Surrender of Principal	"Arrest Warrant" by Magistrate - Article 17.19	"Chapter 23 Capias" by Trial Court	
To Procure Custody	"Arrest Warrant" upon oath of affirmation & determination of probable cause by Magistrate - Exception: Article 45.014 "Arrest Warrant" by Municipal Court or Justice Court	"Chapter 23 Capias" by Trial Court - Exception: Article 45.014 "Arrest Warrant" by Municipal Court or Justice Court	"Chapter 43 Capias" by Trial Court - Article 43.015(1) - Article 43.04
To Enforce Judgment for Unpaid Fines and/or Costs			"Capias Pro Fine" by Trial Court General Provisions Article 43.015(2) Article 43.021 Article 43.05 Article 43.06 Article 43.07 Specific Procedures in Chapter 45 Courts Article 45.045 Article 45.046 Specific Procedures in Other Trial Courts Article 43.03

WARRANT OF ARREST: JUDGE (Art. 45.014, C.C.P.)

	CAUSE NUMBER:	
STATE OF TEXAS	§	IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
VS.	§	CITY OF
	§	COUNTY, TEXAS
THE STATE OF TEXAS, TO ANY	PEACE OFFICER OF THE STA	TE OF TEXAS - GREETINGS:
You are hereby commanded to a Court named above on the day offense:	of, 20 Said D	_, Defendant, and bring (him) (her) before the Municipal Defendant has been accused of the fine-only misdemeanor
offense: which is against the laws of the State of	f Texas and/or against the city ordinan	ces of said city.
Herein fail not, but make due ser	vice and return of this warrant of arrest	t, showing how you executed the same.
Signed this day of	, 20	
(municipal court seal)		
		Judge, Municipal Court
		City of
		County, Texas
	OFFICER'S RETU	RN
Came to hand the day of _	, 20, at	o'clockm. and executed on the day
of, 20, at	o'clockm. by	······································
		Peace Officer
		Touce officer

Editor's Note: Judges in counties with population of more than two million and without a county attorney may not issue a warrant for issuance of a bad check unless the district attorney has approved the complaint or affidavit on which the warrant is based.

THE STATE OF TH	EXAS,		§		
CITY OF			§		
	COUNT	ГΥ	§		
THE STATE OF TH	EXAS, TO ANY PEAC	CE OFFICE	R OF THE STA	ATE OF TEXAS	S - GREETINGS:
You are hereby	commanded to arrest cused of the (felony) (n	nisdomoonor	offense:	, Defendant,	to be dealt with according to law. Sai
	ws of the State of Texas				
Herein fail not , b	out make due service and	d return of thi	is warrant of arres	st, showing how y	ou executed the same.
Signed this	_ day of	. 20 .			
	_ 00, 01	,			
					Magistrate
				Municipa	l Judge, City of
					County, Texas
		OF	FICER'S RETU	JRN	
					m. and executed on the da
of	, 20, at	o'clock	m. by		
					Peace Office

AFFIDAVIT FOR PROBABLE CAUSE FOR ARREST WARRANT (Under Chapter 45, C.C.P.)

	CAUSE NUMBER:	
STATE OF TEXAS	§	IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
VS.	§	CITY OF
	§	COUNTY, TEXAS
	AFFIDAVIT	
•	has been	d reason to believe and do believe that the offense of committed within the territorial limits of the City of s, as set forth in the attached reports and documents
Affiant's belief is based on the follow		
☐ Affiant's personal investigation of	this offense, which is described	I in the attached reports and documents.
☐ Information received frompersonally participated in the invedocuments.	, a peace estigation of this offense, whos	e officer who Affiant believes to be credible and who se information is described in the attached reports and
		Affiant
BEFORE ME , the undersigned aut known to me to be the person whose name is statements contained herein are true and correct	subscribed to the above stateme	ly appearedent, and after being sworn by me, duly stated that the lge.
Sworn to and subscribed before me	on this the day of	, 20
	(Judį	ge)(Clerk)(Notary Public in and for the State of Texas)

AFFIDAVIT FOR PROBABLE CAUSE FOR ARREST WARRANT (Under Chapter 15, C.C.P.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,	§	
CITY OF	§	
COUNTY	§	
	AFFIDAVIT	
My name is an		do believe that the offense of: County, State of Texas,
as set forth in the attached reports and documents that a		
Affiant's belief is based on the following:		
☐ Affiant's personal investigation of this offe	ense, which is described in the attached	I reports and documents.
☐ Information received from	, a peace officer who an of this offense, whose information	Affiant believes to be credible and who is described in the attached reports and
		Affiant
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, o, known to me being sworn by me, duly stated that the statements con	to be the person whose name is subs	cribed to the above statement, and after
Sworn to and subscribed before me on this t	he day of	, 20
	(Magistrate)(Clerk)(Not	ary Public in and for the State of Texas)
	(iviagistrate)(Cicik)(IVOL	ary r done in and for the state of rexas)

AFFIDAVIT FOR PROBABLE CAUSE FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR (Sec. 38.10(a), P.C.)

	CA	AUSE NUMBER:		
STATE OF TEXAS		§		IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
VS.		§		CITY OF
		§		COUNTY, TEXAS
		AFFIDA	AVIT	
I,	, being	g duly sworn on oath, s	state that I have good re	eason to believe and do believe that:
On or about the County, Texas, above is based upon the f	day of			nse of Failure to Appear. My belief of the
				Defendant is charged with
a misdemeanor. On		, Defendant was in	the custody of	and was released
from custody that day. I Court at o'clock	Defendant's (bail)(order	r of release) states that	t it is conditioned upor	n Defendant subsequently appearing in this
	esent in the courtroom a fendant did not answer,			ocket, including the Defendant's name, was
	odian of the court records show that the Defen			nine if the Defendant appeared as required unsel.
			_	1.00
				Affiant
Sworn to and subso	eribed before me on thi	is the day of	, 20	
			(Judge)(Clerk)(N	otary Public in and for the State of Texas)

AFFIDAVIT FOR PROBABLE CAUSE FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR OR VIOLATION OF PROMISE TO APPEAR WHEN ORIGINAL CHARGE FILED BY CITATION (Sec. 38.10(a), P.C. and Sec. 543.009(b), T.C.)

	CAUSE NUMBER:	
STATE OF TEXAS	§	IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
VS.	§	CITY OF
	§	COUNTY, TEXAS
	AFFIDAVIT	
I,	, being duly sworn on oath, state that I have go	ood reason to believe and do believe that:
court.	, 20, in the City of, the Defendant, did willfully vio	
On this day, Affiant reviewed the of Defendant and identified the Defendant	citation issued to the Defendant by a licensed Texa as:	is peace officer, who arrested and released the
Name:	Race:	Sex:
Address: Date of Birth:	Texas Driver's License:	
offense of	ere the Defendant was to appear, and showed that to written notice prepared by the officer. A true and curtroom at the above stated time and date when the transwer, did not appear, and did not appear by court	the Defendant gave (his)(her) written promised correct copy of the citation is attached and educate docket, including the Defendant's name, was
	ourt records and has examined the records to deter he Defendant did not appear and did not appear by	
		Affiant
Sworn to and subscribed before n	me on this the day of, 20_	
	(Judge)(Clerk)	(Notary Public in and for the State of Texas)

SEARCH WARRANT (Arts. 18.02(1-9) and 18.04, C.C.P.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,	§	
CITY OF	§	
COUNTY	§	
TO ANY PEACE OFFICER OF THE STATE OF T	XAS – GREETINGS:	
WHEREAS, the Affiant, whose name appears on to Texas and did heretofore this day subscribe and swear to written verbatim within this document), and whereas I first probable cause for the belief he/she expresses herein and	aid affidavit before me (now made a part hereof that the verified facts stated by Affiant in said af	and incorporated herein as if fidavit show that Affiant has
Now, therefore, you are hereby commanded to ent wit: for and, if same be found, seize and bring before me the control of the suspected place, are alleged to be conceant.	property described in the affidavit which the s	said places you shall search suspected party, or others in
Texas, to wit:		
Herein fail not, but make due service and return of t	is warrant, showing how you executed the same.	
Signed this day of	,	
		Magistrate
	Municipal Judge, City	of
		County, Texas
0	FICER'S RETURN	
Came to hand the day of	20, at o'clockm. and exe	ecuted on the day of
		·
		Peace Officer
		Peace Officer

THE STA	TE OF TEXAS,		§				
CITY	OF		§				
		COUNTY	§				
			AFFIDAV	TT			
My name is	s	and I am commissi	oned as a pead	ce officer by			·
1.		County, Tex					
	vehicles on said pre control of the suspector secrete property the relative location of the Said suspected placed parties, to wit:	addition to the forego- mises and within the octed party named below hat is the object of the he place to be searched e is in the charge of a	curtilage, if sa w and in, on, o search request ; it is to be con nd controlled d place contain	id premises is or around which ded herein. Attainsidered as par by each of the as in violation	a residence, we have said suspected as Exhibit of the affidave following narrof the laws of	which are found to be ed party may reasona it A is a diagram illusit as if written herein. med and/or described the State of Texas the	under the bly reposit strating the suspected following
3.	Affiant has probable	cause for said belief b	y reason of the	e following fac	ts and circumst	tances:	
		asks for issuance of a the property described			Affiant and oth	her peace officers to	search said
							Affiant
	State of Texas, who,	ersigned authority, on being sworn by me, du					
Su	ıbscribed and sworn	to before me on this th	ıe	_ day of		, 20	
			$\bar{\Omega}$	Magistrate)(Cle	rk)(Notary Pub	lic in and for the State	of Texas)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,	§	
CITY OF	§	
COUNTY	§	
TO ANY PEACE OFFICER OF THE STATE O	TEXAS - GREETINGS:	
Texas and did heretofore this day subscribe and swea written verbatim within this document), and whereas	n the attached affidavit hereto, is a peace officer under the laws of the to said affidavit before me (now made a part hereof and incorporated he find that the verified facts stated by Affiant in said affidavit show that Affid establishes the existence of proper grounds for issuance of this warrantee.	erein as i ffiant has
Now, therefore, you are hereby commanded to wit:	enter the suspected place, vehicles, and premises described in said affi	idavit, to
control of the suspected place, are alleged to be con	. At said places you shat the property described in the affidavit which the suspected party, or ealing and to have in his/her possession in violation of the laws of the	e State of
	earch each suspected party named and described in said affidavit, This individual is accused of an	offense
against the laws of the State: namely, (felony) (misde of the State of Texas and/or against the city ordinance affiant but found to be occupants of said premises and	neanor), which is against of said city. You may arrest others for the same offense who are unknown control of same.	the laws
Herein fail not, but make due service and return	of this warrant, showing how you executed the same.	
Signed this day of, 20_	-	
	Ma	agistrate
	Municipal Judge, City of	
	County	y, Texas
		••••••
	OFFICER'S RETURN	
Came to hand the day of o'clock	, 20, at o'clockm. and executed on the day of n. by	f
		·
	Peace	e Officer

THE STATE C	OF TEXAS,		§		
CITY OF _			§		
		COUNTY	§		
			AFFIDAVIT		
My nar	ne is	and I am con	nmissioned as a peace off	ficer by	·
1.			s, a suspected place and p		
	vehicles on said p the control of the reposit or secrete illustrating the re written herein.	premises and within the suspected party named property that is the ob- lative location of the p	oing description, also ince curtilage, if said premise below and in, on, or arough of the search request place to be searched; it is	ses is a residence, which und which said suspected ted herein. Attached as s to be considered as pa	a are found to be under d party may reasonably Exhibit A is a diagram art of the affidavit as if
2.	Said suspected p suspected parties,	to wit:	of and controlled by ea	ach of the following na	amed and/or described
3.	It is the belief of violation of the la	Affiant that said suspectives of the State of Texa	cted party has possession s the following property:	of and is concealing at	said suspected place in
4.	•	in	does believe, and her	County, Texas	s, the suspected party
5.	•	ble cause for said belief	f by reason of the followi	ng facts and circumstance	
suspected place	and premises for	ks for issuance of a watthe property described	arrant that will authorize above and seize same, found to be occupants of	Affiant and other peace and to arrest and search	officers to search said n each suspected party
					Affiant
	e of Texas, who, bei		s day personally appeare stated that the statements		
Subscr	ribed and sworn to	before me on this the _	day of		, 20
			(Magistrate)(Cle	erk)(Notary Public in and	I for the State of Texas)

BLOOD SEARCH WARRANT (Art. 18.01(c) and (j), C.C.P.) (Page 1 of 2)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,		§
CITY OF		§
COU	UNTY	§
TO ANY PEACE OFFICER OF THE	STATE OF TEX	AS - GREETINGS:
Texas and did heretofore this day subscrias if written verbatim within this docume	ibe and swear to sa ent), and whereas l	affidavit attached hereto, is a peace officer under the laws of the State of aid affidavit before me (now made a part hereof and incorporated herein I find that the verified facts stated by Affiant in said affidavit show that herein and establishes the existence of proper grounds for the issuance of
		y of the suspect and transport the suspect to a hospital in shall search for, seize, and maintain as evidence the property described
in said affidavit, to-wit: human blood from	om the body of the	following described individual:
Name:		
Race: Sex:		DOB:
Height: Weig	ght:lbs	Hair color:
		Magistrate Municipal Judge, City of
		County, Texas
	RETURN	N AND INVENTORY
that the foregoing Warrant came to l	hand on the day	the laws of the State of Texas and being duly sworn, on oath certifies it was issued and that it was executed on the day of directed therein and seizing during such search the following described
property:		
A specimen of the suspect's blood.		
		Affiant
Editor's Note: Ef	 ffective September	r 1, 2009, any magistrate who is a licensed Texas
		to collect a blood specimen from a person who is

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arrested for certain intoxication or alcohol offenses and refuses to submit to a breath or

blood alcohol test.

BLOOD SEARCH WARRANT (Art. 18.01(c) and (j), C.C.P.) (Page 2 of 2)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,	§	
CITY OF	§	
COUNTY	§	
ORDER FOR ASSISTANCE	E IN EXECUTION OF SEARCH WARRANT	
To any physician, nurse, medical technician, or the intravenous removal of human blood - Greetings:	phlebotomist, licensed by the State of Texas, or o	other person qualified in
Whereas, the Affiant, whose name appears on the Texas and did heretofore this day subscribe and swear as if written verbatim within this document), and when Affiant has probable cause for the belief he/she express a search warrant;	eas I find that the verified facts stated by Affiant is	of and incorporated herein n said affidavit show that
And whereas, this Court has issued a warrant to affidavit, to-wit:	search for and seize blood from the suspect nar	med and described in the
Name:		<u>—</u>
Race: Sex:	DOB:	_
Height: Weight:	lbs Hair color:	<u> </u>
Therefore you are hereby ordered and comma assistance in the execution of this warrant.	nded to cooperate with any peace officer reque	esting your professional
Herein fail not, as this Order, directed to any in accompanying search warrant, is authorized by the fulthe State of Texas, and Article 18.08, Code of Crimin requested shall be liable for contempt of this Court	l Procedure. Any individual who fails to compl	ers to enforce the laws of
Ordered this the day of, 2) at o'clockm.	
		Magistrate
	Municipal Judge, City of	of
		County, Texas

AFFIDAVIT FOR BLOOD SEARCH WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS, CITY OF		§		
		§		
	COU	NTY §		
		AFFI	DAVIT	
My name is	and I	am commissioned as a	peace officer by	
1.	There is in Co	unty, Texas, a suspecte	ed person described as follow	/S:
	Nama:			
	Race: Sex:		DOB:	
	Name: Race: Sex: Height: Weight	nt:lbs	Hair color:	
	Said suspected person is pres which will present the suspect			, namely the,
2.	committed the following offer	nse:	ealing human blood, which c	onstitutes evidence that the suspect
	☐ Driving While Intox	kicated		
	☐ Driving While Intox	xicated with a Child Pa	ssenger	
	☐ Flying While Intoxi	cated		
	☐ Boating While Into	xicated		
	☐ Assembling or Open	rating an Amusement F	Ride While Intoxicated	
	☐ Intoxication Assault	t		
	☐ Intoxication Mansla	ughter		
3.	the following facts and circum	nstance:	<u> </u>	above-described offense by reason of
4.	Affiant placed said suspected which the suspected person re	person under arrest and fused to provide.	d requested a sample of the s	uspected person's breath or blood,
person of t		ence described above		ffiant or Affiant's agent to search the dence that the offense described was
				Affiant
	State of Texas, who, being swo			iant herein, a peace officer under the herein are true and correct to the best
Su	bscribed and sworn to before	e me on this the	day of	, 20
			(Magistrate)(Clerk)(Notar	y Public in and for the State of Texas)

SEARCH WARRANT FOR FIRE, HEALTH, AND CODE INSPECTIONS (ART. 18.05, C.C.P.)

§			
§			
§			
e City ofs spection of any s or a violation of	specified premises to dete any fire, health, or buil	ermine the presence of a fire	
fficial) under the which affidavit is fied facts and interest and inte	laws of the State of Texa attached hereto and incon formation contained there	as and did therefore this day rporated herein by reference	
the presence of lding regulation of Texas, and	fire or health hazards, upon, statute, or ordird d in particular, to de	nsafe building conditions of nance of the city of etermine the presence of	
seize the same a	nd declare same to be hel	d in the custody and contro	
		usive of the day of issuance	
o.m.), on this	day of	, 20 to	
	Ju	dge, (City) Municipal Cour	
the purpose of	allowing the inspection	of specified premises to	
OFFICER'S RET			
JEFICER S REI	URN		
	§ Whealth Officer, of City of	Health Officer, or Code Enforcement Off City of	

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(Fire Marshal) (Health Officer) (Code Enforcement Official)

AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT FOR FIRE, HEALTH, AND CODE INSPECTIONS (ART. 18.05, C.C.P.)

THE S	TATE OF TEXAS,	§	
CI	TY OF	§	
	COUNTY	§	
		AFFIDAVIT	
Officia	My name is and all) (of the State of Texas) (of County Texas)	I am the/a (Fire Ma County, Texas Being duly sworn o	arshal) (Health Officer) (Code Enforcement s) (of the City of, on oath, I make the following statement and
accusa	tions:	being dary sworm, of	a outil, I make the following statement und
1.	I am the/a (Fire Marshal) (Health Officer) (County, Texas) (of t	Code Enforcement Of the City of	Efficial) (of the State of Texas) (of
2.	County, Texas), and have personal knowled	lge of the facts stated h	herein and they are all true and correct; County, Texas,
3.	herein referred to as "Premises;" Premises are in the charge of and controlled who resides at	d by the following per	rson(s):,
4.	present in the Premises sought to be inspect	ted, such hazard or vio	or violation or unsafe building condition is plation or condition being and such evidence being
5.			believe and do believe that there is probable condition is present on the Premises sought to
		e presence of a fire or	arrant that will authorize me to inspect the health hazard or unsafe building condition or rdinance.
			Affiant
	RE ME, the undersigned authority, on this datated that the statements contained herein are to		d the Affiant herein, who, being sworn by me, best of his/her knowledge.
	Subscribed and sworn to before me on this t	the day o	of, 20
		(Magistrate)(C	Clerk)(Notary Public in and for the State of Texas)

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Editor's Note: In determining probable cause for the purposes of Art. 18.05(b), C.C.P., the magistrate is not limited to

evidence of specific knowledge, but may consider any of the items listed in Art.18.05(c), C.C.P.

	CAUSE NUMBER:	!		
STATE OF TEXAS	§		IN THE	MUNICIPAL COURT
VS.	§		CITY O	F
	§			COUNTY, TEXAS
THE STATE OF TEXAS, TO AN	Y PEACE OFFICER OF TI	HE STATE O	F TEXAS - GREETING	es:
You are hereby commanded to Court named above (immediately) (comisdemeanor offense:	on the day of	, 20).	Said Defendant has been	accused of the fine-only
Herein fail not , but make due executed the same.	service and return of this wri	t of capias on	,	20, showing how you
Signed this day of	, 20			
(municipal court seal)			City of	Judge, Municipal Court
				County, Texas
	OFFICER'S	S RETURN		
Came to hand the day of	, 20, at o'clockm. by	o'clock _	m. and executed on the	day of
	•			
				Peace Officer

	CAUSE NUMBER:	
STATE OF TEXAS	§	IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
VS.	§	CITY OF
	§	COUNTY, TEXAS
TO ANY PEACE OFFICER OF THE	STATE OF TEXAS - GREETINGS:	
You are hereby commanded to arres Court named above (immediately) (on the misdemeanor offense: State of Texas and/or against the ordinance	t, Defe, 20). Sates of this city.	endant, and bring (him)(her) before the Municipal aid Defendant has been convicted of the fine-only, which is against the laws of the
Herein fail not , but make due service executed the same.	ce and return of this writ of capias on _	, 20, showing how you
Signed this day of	, 20	
(municipal court seal)		Judge, Municipal Court City of
		County, Texas
	OFFICER'S RETURN	
Came to hand the day of o	, 20, at o'clock	m. and executed on the day of
		Peace Officer
		1 case officer