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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 or affirmation & determination of probable cause by <i>Magistrate</i> - Specific Provision: Article 45.014 "Arrest Warrant" by <i>Municipal Court or Justice Court</i>	"Chapter 23 Capias" by Trial Court - Specific Provision: Article 45.014 "Arrest Warrant" by Municipal Court or Justice Court	"Chapter 43 Capias" by <i>Trial Court</i> – Article 43.015(1) – Article 43.04
To Enforce Judgment for Unpaid Fines and/or Costs			"Capias Pro Fine" by <i>Trial Court</i> ❖ 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

CLERK'S AFFIDAVIT FOR CAPIAS PRO FINE

	CAUSE NUMBER:	
STATE OF TEXAS	§	IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
VS.	§	CITY OF
	§	COUNTY, TEXAS
I,day ofcourt costs. My belief is base	, being duly sworn, upon oath, state that I have g, 20,ed upon the following:	good reason to believe and do believe that on or about the, Defendant, defaulted in payment of a fine and
I am the Municipal Co	urt Clerk and custodian of records for the	Municipal Court, City of, Z0, I personally examined Defendant in the above styled and numbered cause was
charged with the offense of guilty of the offense on the payment) (certain prescribe The records indicate that extension as ordered by the often satisfy the judgment. I sent notice to the Defe 20 The records indicate the, 20 at the Defendant failed to OR	day of, 20 The record payments) on the fine and costs imposed in the at the Defendant did not appear on the day of Tourt. The records show that said Defendant owes and ant as required by Article 45.045 of the Code of Coat the court held a hearing as required by Article 45 o'clockm. at the o'clockm. at the	and was found cords indicate that the Defendant was ordered to make (a above mentioned case on the following date(s):
Sworn to and subscrib	ed before me on day of, 2	Affiant
		(Judge) (Clerk) (Deputy Clerk)
		City of County, Texas

CATICE NUMBER

Editor's Note: Before a court may issue a capias pro fine for the defendant's failure to satisfy the judgment according to its terms: (1) the court must provide notice that includes a statement that the defendant has failed to satisfy the judgment according to its terms; and a date and time when the court will hold a hearing on the defendant's ability to satisfy the judgment according to its terms; and (2) either the defendant fails to appear at the hearing; or based on evidence presented at the hearing, the court determines that the capias pro fine should be issued.

If the defendant failed to bring appropriate documentation to the hearing, that could be noted in the affidavit as well.

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF CAPIAS PRO FINE (Art. 45.045, C.C.P.)

C	AUSE NUMBER:	
STATE OF TEXAS	§	IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
VS.	§	CITY OF
	§	COUNTY, TEXAS
	SHOW CAUSE NOTION	CE
The official Court record shows that you according to its terms. The court will hold a hea 20 at o'clockm. at the	have failed to satisfy the judgmer uring on your ability to satisfy the term. Municip	rms of the judgment on the day of, all Court, located at
The hearing scheduled on the date and t completed on time.	ime above is your opportunity to	explain why all the terms of the judgment have not been
will help the judge determine whether the judge assistance, and similar documents. It is your financial situation.	dgment imposes an undue hardship obligation to provide enough info	ring any documents with you to the hearing that you believe o, including pay stubs, bills, letters regarding government ormation for the Judge to be able to fully understand your
	service. The judge shall determine	rnatives to full payment of the fine and costs are available, whether the fine and costs should be satisfied through one
Failure to appear on this date and time judgment under Article 45.046 of the Code		capias pro fine and commitment to jail to discharge the nal fees by law may result.
If you are unable to appear at the hearing,	contact the court immediately. Yo	ou can reach the court by calling
Signed on this day of	, 20	
(municipal court seal)		
		Judge, Municipal Court
		City of
		County, Texas

Editor's Note: Under Article 45.045(a-2), C.C.P., a court may not issue a capias pro fine for the defendant's failure to satisfy the judgment according to its terms unless the court holds a hearing to determine whether the judgment imposes an undue hardship on the defendant, and the defendant fails to: (1) appear at the hearing; or (2) comply with an order issued under Subsection (a-3) as a result of the hearing.

	CA	AUSE NUMBER:	
STATE OF TEXAS		§	IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
VS.		§	CITY OF
		§	COUNTY, TEXAS
TO THE CHIEF OF PO – GREETINGS:	OLICE OF THE C	ITY OFOR AN	NY PEACE OFFICER OF THE STATE OF TEXA
Whereas on the	_ day of	, 20, before Judge	of the Municipal Court of the Cit, the Defendant, date of birth, was rendered by said Court in favor of the State, against said unpaid the amount of \$
convicted of the offense of	, rexas,	and a judgment was	s rendered by said Court in favor of the State, against sai
Defendant for the sum of \$	and all	costs of court; and there is due and	I unpaid the amount of \$
Pursuant to Article	45.045 of the Code	e of Criminal Procedure, the Cou	urt sent notice to the Defendant on the day of, 20
Therefore, the Court hereb	ler issued under Subs		wholly satisfy the judgment in the above styled case.
You are therefore Commediately [or before a (he)(she) can be brought Defendant cannot be brought	before the Court wi	thout delay until the next business	cipal Court of the City of, Texa his Court is unavailable] or place him or her in jail unt s day following the date of the Defendant's arrest if the
The arresting officer jail, jail personnel are OF	is ORDERED to notify the	otify the Court IMMEDIATELY uhe Court IMMEDIATELY upon p	upon arrest of the Defendant. If the Defendant is placed in placement of the Defendant in jail.
In witness whereof, I this day of		y hand at my office in the Municipa	al Court of the City of, Texa
(municipal court seal)			Judge, Municipal Cou
		OFFICER'S RETURN	N
Came to hand the, 20,	_ day of ato'cloc	, 20, at	o'clockm. and executed on the day o
Notice was provided to the at o'clock		day of, 20,	
			Arresting Office

Editor's Note: The importance of the communication by the arresting officer and/or the jail to the court that issued the capias pro fine cannot be overstated. A capias pro fine is not commitment, which requires specific procedural safeguards under the U.S. Constitution and Art. 45.046, C.C.P. A court may not issue a capias pro fine for the defendant's failure to satisfy the judgment according to its terms unless the court holds a hearing to determine whether the judgment imposes an undue hardship on the defendant, and the defendant fails to: (1) appear at the hearing; or (2) comply with an order issued under Subsection (a-3) as a result of the hearing.

ORDER OF COMMITMENT (Art. 45.046, C.C.P.)

		CAUSE NUMBER:	
STATE OF TEXAS		§	IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
VS.		§	CITY OF
		§	COUNTY, TEXAS
TO ANY PEACE OFF	ICER OF THE STA	ATE OF TEXAS – GREETINGS	:
You are commandows, on the, Count totaling \$,	ed to take into custooday ofy, Texas of the offer of which \$	dy and commit to the jail of your Commit to the jail of your Commit to the jail of your Committee defore the part of the jail of your Committee defore the part of the jail of your Committee defore defore the jail of your Committee defore	ounty(Municipality) the above-named Defendant, who the Municipal Court in the City of, and was assessed a fine and court costs
(2) the Defendant ha (3) the Defendant is OR (1) the arrestee is the (2) the Defendant ha (3) the Defendant is (a) has failed to (community serv	e same person as the as intentionally failed not indigent and has e same person as the as intentionally failed indigent and: make a good faith exice); scharged the fine und	Defendant in the cause described a d to make a good faith effort to pay s failed to make a good faith effort to Defendant in the cause described a d to make a good faith effort to pay effort to discharge the fine and cos	said fine and costs; and to discharge said fine and costs; above;
otherwise discharged by	law. Unless otherwishe Court specifies the	se specified in the judgment or sent	sum of \$ is fully paid or the Defendant is tence in said cause, pursuant to Article 45.048(b), Code afficient length of time to satisfy the remaining fine and
	ss than 8 or more tha llar amount \$150) to	an 24) to earn o satisfy the fine and costs.	
In the event the Defenda	nt is committed for d	defaulting in more than one judgme	ent, jail credit is to be assessed:
☐ Concurrently (a	at the same time, per j	udgment until jail credit exceeds or	equals the sum total of fine and costs); or
			her until jail credit exceeds or equals the sum total of fine of judgment(s), offense(s), and fine and costs total(s)
Ordered on this	day of	, 20	
(municipal court seal)			
			Judge, Municipal Court
			City of County, Texas
			County, Texas

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE: ADULT DEFENDANT CONTEMPT (Sec. 21.002(c), G.C.)

	CAUSE NUMBER:	
STATE OF TEXAS	§	IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
VS.	§	CITY OF
	§	COUNTY, TEXAS
	ORDER TO SHOW CAU	USE
Name:	Offense:	
Address:		
		·
		eing made against you, the Court imposing a fine of up warrant to enforce the judgment of contempt.
		Judge, Municipal Court
		City of
		County, Texas
(municipal court seal)		

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE: ADULT CONTEMPT (Not a Defendant) (Sec. 21.002(c), G.C.)

	CAUSE NUMBER:	<u> </u>
IN THE MATTER OF	§	IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
	§	CITY OF
(Contemnor)	§	COUNTY, TEXAS
	ORDER TO SHOW CAU	SE
You are hereby ordered to appea day of, 20 Specific	r before the, to show cause why you failed to a cally, you are accused of failing to:	_ Municipal Court at o'clockm., on the abide by an order of the Court imposed on you on
Failure to appear on this date and tim	ne will result in a finding of contempt be	ing made against you, the Court imposing a fine of up warrant to enforce the judgment of contempt.
		Judge, Municipal Court
		City of
		County, Texas
(municipal court seal)		

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE: JUROR CONTEMPT (Art. 45.027(c), C.C.P.)

	CAUSE NUMBER:	
IN THE MATTER OF	§	IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
	§	CITY OF
(Contemnor)	§	COUNTY, TEXAS
	ORDER TO SHOW CAL	USE
You are hereby ordered to appear b day of, 20, to s summoned by the Municipal Court of the contempt of Court.	efore theshow cause why you failed to appear for City of, Texa	Municipal Court at o'clockm., on the conjury service in Cause Number when tas, which said conduct did then and there constitute civi
Failure to appear on this date and time v to \$100, and the issuance of a warrant to		peing made against you, the Court imposing a fine of up
		Judge, Municipal Cour
		City of
		County, Texas
(municipal court seal)		

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE: PEACE OFFICER CONTEMPT (Art. 2.16, C.C.P.)

(municipal court seal)

	CAUSE NUMBER:		
IN THE MATTER OF	§	IN THE M	UNICIPAL COURT
	§	CITY OF _	
(Contemnor)	§		COUNTY, TEXAS
	ORDER TO SHOW CAU	USE	
You are hereby ordered to appear be day of, 20, to summons, subpoena, attachment, or other lecontempt of Court.	efore theshow cause why you willfully refuse egal process when so ordered by this Co	_ Municipal Court ated or failed from neglect to eourt, which said conduct did t	o'clockm., on the execute the below described hen and there constitute civil
Failure to appear on this date and time we less than \$10 nor more than \$200.	vill result in a finding of contempt be	ing made against you, the C	Court imposing a fine of not
			Judge, Municipal Court
		City of	
			County, Texas

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE: WITNESS CONTEMPT (Art. 24.05, C.C.P.)

(municipal court seal)

	CAUSE NUMBER:		
IN THE MATTER OF	§	IN THE	MUNICIPAL COURT
	§	CITY O	F
(Contemnor)	§		COUNTY, TEXAS
	ORDER TO SHOW CAN	USE	
You are hereby ordered to appear be day of, 20, to stestify in Cause Number civil contempt of Court.	efore the show cause why you failed to appear pursuant to a witness subpoena issu	Municipal Court at in this Court on ued to you, which said cond	o'clockm., on the, 20, to uct did then and there constitute
Failure to appear on this date and time w to \$100.	ill result in a finding of contempt b	eing made against you, th	e Court imposing a fine of up
			Judge, Municipal Court
		City of	Judge, Municipal Court
			County, Texas

CONTEMPT: ADULT PLEA

Date

	CAUSE NUMBER:	<u> </u>	
IN THE MATTER OF	§	IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT	
	§	CITY OF	
(Contemnor)	§	COUNTY, TEXAS	
	CONTEMPT OF COURT—PLE	ZA FORM	
represent me in this matter or to request an	attorney represent me if I cannot affo	ght to have a hearing and the right to hire an attorney to ord one. I understand that a plea of true will result in me in the county jail and/or fined up to one hundred dollars	
I fully understand the proceedings again accusation of contempt of Court.	nst me and my rights outlined above a	nd voluntarily enter a plea of (true)(not true) to the	
☐ I waive the right to a hearing before	e the Court.		
☐ I waive my right to have an attorney	y represent me in a hearing before the	Court.	

Contemnor's Signature

JUDGMENT OF DIRECT CONTEMPT: ADULT (Secs. 21.001 and 21.002(c), G.C.)

		CAUSE NUMBER:	
IN TH	E MATTER OF	§	IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
		§	CITY OF
(Co	ontemnor)	§	COUNTY, TEXAS
		JUDGMENT OF CONTEMP	т
		day of, 20, the Con 21.002, Government Code, (to require the proceeding mpel obedience of Court orders)(to so control the proceed	
	The Court finds _	in dir	rect contempt of Court for (describe conduct):
proceedi further fi that the c	ngs before the couinds that imposition contemnor is not an	at circumstances as to merit a summary finding of contents of that they could not be conducted with dignity and on of contempt is necessary to control the proceedings so an officer of the Court. DERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that	I in an orderly and expeditious manner. The Court of that justice may be done. The Court further finds
	Confined in	County Jail for a period of	(not to exceed three days).
	Fined the sum of S	(not to exceed	\$100).
			Judge, Municipal Court
			City of
			County, Texas
(municip	al court seal)		

JUDGMENT OF INDIRECT CONTEMPT: ADULT (Secs. 21.001 and 21.002(c), G.C.)

(municipal court seal)

	(CAUSE NUMBER:	_
IN THE MATTEI	R OF	§	IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
		§	CITY OF
(Contemnor)			COUNTY, TEXAS
		JUDGMENT OF CONTEM	ЛРТ
On this the granted by Governm manner and to comp	day of nent Code, Section 21.0 el obedience of court of	, 20, the Court 01, to require the proceedings be con rders and to so control the proceeding	has exercised its inherent authority and the authority ducted with dignity and in an orderly and expeditious s that justice is done.
The Court fine	ds that a notice of	contempt was made to	on the day of
	, 20, and that	(on the day of did)(did not) attend a show cause hearing on the nor did not show good cause why he/she should not be
day of, held in contempt.	20, as set forth in the	e notice. The Court finds that Contemp	nor did not show good cause why he/she should not be
The Court finds	that Contemnor violated	d an order of the Court to wit:	······································
The Court finds	that a finding of contem	apt is necessary to compel obedience or	f Court orders.
IT IS THEREFOR is in contempt of cou	E ORDERED, ADJUI	DGED, AND DECREED that	
☐ Confined in	1	County Jail for a period of	(not to exceed three days).
☐ Fined the s	um of \$	(not to exce	ed \$100).
			Judge, Municipal Court
			City of
			County, Texas

JUDGMENT OF CONTEMPT: FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR JURY SERVICE (Art. 45.027(c), C.C.P.)

		CAUSE NUMBER:	<u> </u>
IN	THE MATTER OF	§ §	IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT CITY OF
(Contemnor)		§	COUNTY, TEXAS
		JUDGMENT OF CONTE	ЕМРТ
ven			45.027, Code of Criminal Procedure, and ordered a Contemnor to appear as a venire person so that a jury
The	e Court finds that:		
		service, and Contemnor failed to appear sient cause for failing to appear for jury	ar after due notice for a show cause hearing on civil y service.
	Contemnor failed to appear for jury scause for failing to appear for jury se		a show cause hearing and failed to present sufficient
	Contemnor failed to appear for jury sfailing to appear for jury service.	service, and Contemnor appeared for a	a show cause hearing and presented sufficient cause for
The	erefore,		
	The Court finds	in contempt of court for	failing to appear for jury service.
	It is therefore ordered, adjudged, a for jury service and is fined the sum	and decreed that(is in contempt of court for failure to appear maximum \$100) for contempt.
	The Court finds charge is thereby dismissed and the a	showed sufficient caus above named person is discharged from	se for failing to appear for jury service. This contempt m any civil liability for failing to appear for jury service.
			Judge, Municipal Court City of
			County, Texas

(municipal court seal)

JUDGMENT OF CONTEMPT: PEACE OFFICER FAILURE TO SERVE PROCESS (Art. 2.16, C.C.P.)

		CAUSE NUMBER: _		
IN	THE MATTER OF	§ 8		IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
(Contemnor)		§ §		COUNTY, TEXAS
		JUDGMENT	OF CONTEMPT	
On offi	the day of cer under the laws of Te	, 20, this Courtexas to execute the process.	t issued legal process to	, a peace
Pur	suant to Article 2.16, C	ode of Criminal Procedure, this Cou	rt finds that:	
	Contemnor willfully re	efused or failed from neglect to exec	cute the process described a	ss:
		to appear after due notice for a show refusal to execute the process.	cause hearing on civil conte	mpt and failed to present sufficient cause
	Contemnor willfully re	efused or failed from neglect to exec	cute the process described a	s:
	and Contemnor appear the process.	ed for a show cause hearing and failed	d to present sufficient cause	for (his)(her) failure or refusal to execute
	Contemnor failed to	execute the process described as:		use hearing and presented sufficient cause
	for (his)(her) failure.	, and Contem	nor appeared for a show cau	ise hearing and presented sufficient cause
The	erefore,			
	The Court finds	in contem	pt of court pursuant to Artic	le 2.16, Code of Criminal Procedure.
	It is therefore ordered legal process and is fin-	, adjudged, and decreed thated the sum of	is (minimum \$10, m	in contempt of court for failure to execute aximum \$200) for contempt.
	The Court finds charge is thereby dismi	showed sissed and the above named person is d		e to execute legal process. This contempt pility for this failure.
				Judge, Municipal Court City of
				County, Texas
(mu	nicipal court seal)			

JUDGMENT OF CONTEMPT: WITNESS REFUSAL TO OBEY SUBPOENA (Art. 24.05, C.C.P.)

		CAUSE NUMBER:	
IN	N THE MATTER OF	§	IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
		§	CITY OF
((Contemnor)	§	COUNTY, TEXAS
		JUDGMENT OF CON	ТЕМРТ
On in t	the day of this Court on the I to there remain from da	, 20, this Court issued aday of, 20, then a ay to day, and from term to term, until discharged	witness subpoena to the above named contemnor to appear nd there to testify in Cause Number d by this Court.
Th	e Court finds that:		
		obey the witness subpoena, and Contemnor failed ed to present sufficient cause for the refusal to ob	d to appear after due notice for a show cause hearing on pey the subpoena.
	Contemnor refused to obey the witness subpoena, and Contemnor appeared for a show cause hearing and failed to present sufficient cause for the refusal to obey the subpoena.		
	Contemnor refused to cause for the refusal to		ared for a show cause hearing and presented sufficient
Th	erefore,		
	The Court finds	in contempt of court	for refusing to obey a witness subpoena.
	It is therefore ordered the witness subpoena a	d, adjudged, and decreed that and is fined the sum of	is in contempt of court for refusing to obey (maximum \$100) for contempt.
	The Court finds charge is thereby dism subpoena.	showed sufficient cau issed and the above named person is discharged	ise for the refusal to obey a witness subpoena. This contempt I from any civil liability for the refusal to obey the witness
			Judge, Municipal Court City of
			County, Texas
(mı	ınicipal court seal)		

ABSTRACT OF JUDGMENT

	CAUSE NUMBER:	
STATE OF TEXAS	§	IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
VS.	§	CITY OF
	§	COUNTY, TEXAS
I, day of in a cause entitled State of Texa was rendered in favor of the state of	, Municipal Court Clerk for the City of, 20, in the, Cause in the State of Texas, for the use and benefit of	
Social Security Number is amount of \$ Signed this day of	, and whose driver's dollars (\$), which	, whose birthdate is, whose license number is, in the includes court costs. The balance due on said judgment is
(municipal court seal)		Municipal Court Clerk City of
		County, Texas
Subscribed, sworn to, an for the City of	d acknowledged before me, the undersigned author on this	rity, by, Court Clerk isday of, 20
After recording, return to:		Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

	CAUSE NUMBER:		
STATE OF TEXAS	§	IN THE	MUNICIPAL COURT
VS.	§	CITY O	F
	§		COUNTY, TEXAS
TO ANY SHERIFF OR ANY	CONSTABLE WITHIN THE STA	ATE OF TEXAS:	
On the day of	, 20,, which judgment is recorded in is actually due.	Municipal Court. Sai	rt recovered a judgment in the County, Texas agains d judgment is for the sum o
Therefore, you are commanded Defendant in execution, subject to exwrit.	ed that out of the property ofecution by law, you cause to be made	e the sum of \$, togethe	r with the costs of executing this
You shall execute this writ ac	ecording to its terms, and according t	to law, and have the said sums of	money, together with this writ in the City
of	same, before said Court, at	County, Texas, within 90 da	ys from the date of this writ.
Witness , day of, 20	, Municipal Court Cle 	erk for the City of	, Texas thi
(municipal court seal)		Attest:	
			Municipal Court Clerk