



**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
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**INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURE FOR GETTING A  
WARRANT LIFTED**

**WARRANTS**

A warrant can be issued for many reasons, including: failure to appear at court or a serious crime is alleged to have been committed.

The purpose of a warrant is to ensure appearance in court or to protect the community.

**SO YOU HAVE A WARRANT, WHAT TO DO? 4 OPTIONS**

1. Wait to get arrested by the police. You are going to detention. No chance the police will give you a new court date.
2. Turn yourself in. The Court looks favorably on individuals who surrender themselves. This shows a willingness to deal with the issues at hand. This certainly shows you are willing to appear for court!

You can come to the Juvenile Detention Center (399 S. Front Street) and surrender yourself on the warrant. If you turn yourself in **before 7 a.m.**, you can be placed on the preliminary hearing docket for **that same day** to give you the chance to argue the reasons you should be released and you may be released!

3. File a motion with the Court to have the warrant set aside.

Have your attorney file a motion with the Court to have the warrant set aside and schedule a new court date (or extend time to pay on a fine, court costs or restitution). Many times this can be done without your presence!

4. Come to court with a parent during business hours and ask the Magistrate to set your warrant aside and to get a new court date.

The Court will examine your warrant with a prosecutor and your attorney (if you have one) to determine if the warrant should be lifted or executed. Showing up with a parent is an excellent opportunity to show the court you intend to deal with the matter at hand, and to argue reasons why your warrant should be set aside. The Court looks favorably on individuals who are willing to show up and discuss their situation.

Good luck!