

2010 GREAT TEXAS WARRANT ROUND-UP SATURDAY, MARCH 6

The Harris County Constables, together with the Harris County Justice Courts will be participating in the 2010 Great Texas Warrant Round-Up.

More than 200,000 warrants issued out of the Harris County Justice Courts remain outstanding. If all of these outstanding warrants resulted in full payment of fine and costs, the value would be over \$60 million.

In addition to the outstanding warrants, there are approximately 54,000 outstanding *capias pro fines* issued for the arrest of defendants who have failed to pay fines and costs or otherwise satisfy a judgment of conviction.

If all outstanding *capias pro fines* resulted in full payment, the value would be approximately \$16 million dollars.

Citizens with warrants issued in traffic and other fine-only misdemeanor cases pending in the Harris County Justice Courts will have until Saturday (March 6) to pay fines or post bail before deputy Constables step up efforts to clear outstanding warrants.

Citizens may pay fines at the Justice Court in which their case is pending. Fines may be paid in cash, by cashier's check or money order, or by credit card. Bail may be posted at the Constable's Office in the precinct, or at the Justice Court in which the case is pending. Cash in lieu of sureties will be accepted in cash, or by cashier's check or money order.

Information about specific cases pending in a Harris County Justice Court may be located by using the **Find My Case** feature on the Harris County Justice of the Peace Courts website at www.jp.hctx.net.

Participation in the 2010 Great Texas Warrant Round-Up is not limited to Harris County law enforcement agencies and the Harris County Justice Courts. Law enforcement agencies and courts across the State will be joining together in the Round-Up, with this enhanced arrest effort continuing until mid-March.

The City of Houston and its law enforcement officers are also participating, expanding the ability of law enforcement officers to make arrests.

Citizens are urged immediately to take action to avoid arrest by visiting the Court in which their cases are pending. (end)