
Do you have active warrants in your city or county?

Have you been notified of an active warrant in your city or county?

If so, you should probably respond now, while currently incarcerated. Sometimes, warrants can be cleared through a time-served procedure that gives you simultaneous credit in both jurisdictions (the one holding you, and the one that issued the warrant), but a judge in the other jurisdiction has to approve it so you need to make that request in writing while still incarcerated in your current jurisdiction.

Ask your law library for help to make that request or contact your attorney; if all else fails, contact the city or county that issued the warrant on your own, tell them that you're trying to handle this responsibly, and that you want to resolve it promptly so that the pending warrant does not impair or delay your release or transition to supervision in your current jurisdiction. By proactively pursuing it now, you will almost certainly save yourself money as well as potential future incarceration by the other city or county.

Learn from each other: Crystal's story

Crystal was in a special reentry program in prison. They helped her gain life skills. They provided a set of clothes. They aided her job search. But what she hadn't anticipated was being arrested by a different county the moment she stepped out the prison doors. She couldn't take that job right away because she was back facing legal struggles. The legal issues weren't all behind her, despite her hard work while in prison. She just wished she'd known about the active warrant while still behind bars!