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Little Elm participates in Great Texas Warrant Roundup

LITTLE ELM (February 20, 2015) As is customary, the Little Elm Police Department and Municipal Court will once again participate in the upcoming Great Texas Warrant Roundup, targeting people with outstanding warrants or unpaid traffic fines, says Anna Negrete, Little Elm Municipal Court Administrator.

“For the last several years, we’ve been part of this statewide effort to clear up delinquent accounts,” she said. “In reality, though, the Great Texas Warrant Roundup can actually be divided into two parts.”

The first of these two parts is an informal grace period before officers begin the actual roundup. While the dates of the roundup, where officers knock on doors of homes and businesses to arrest and detain those in arrears, have not been publically released, the roundup traditionally occurs in late February and early March. Before then, individuals with outstanding penalties can voluntarily approach Municipal Court and make the appropriate arrangements for payment or resolution.

“It’s not an amnesty, but an informal grace period when people are warned that the roundup is coming and coming soon,” she said. “That is often enough to get people to come in and get things worked out.”

Persons with unpaid and overdue fines who do not resolve their debt will likely be arrested during the Warrant Roundup and may pay far more than the original fine. An arrest on a person’s record can have extremely negative consequences, and the costs associated with time away from work, the possible expense of an attorney and other penalties can elevate the costs to double the amount of the original fine.

Fines can be paid in several ways. Citations originating in Little Elm can be paid at the Little Elm Municipal Court, or mailed with a written plea of guilty or no contest to the court address through the US Postal Service. In Little Elm, payments can be made online at www.littleelm.org by clicking on the Pay Online tab, or accepted by our collection partner MVBA. Little Elm’s Municipal Court is located in the Public Safety Building, 88 West Eldorado Parkway, Little Elm 75068 and operates during normal business hours.

In the past, several scam artists have attempted to trick residents into paying directly. Posing as representatives of law enforcement agencies, these individuals have demanded cash payments. That practice is illegal and should be immediately reported to the Little Elm Police Department.

People who know or suspect they have outstanding warrants or unpaid fines should immediately contact the Little Elm Municipal Court at (214) 975-0483 to begin the process of clearing their record.

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ABOUT LITTLE ELM – Little Elm is one of the state’s fastest growing communities. Nestled on the shores of Lake Lewisville, the Town was incorporated in 1966, adopting the Council/Manager form of government. The population increased dramatically over the last several years, growing from under 4,000 in 2000 to over 30,000 today. Little Elm’s population exceeds the state average in education and income, and is increasingly trending younger and technologically proficient. The Town’s footprint is just over 14 square miles and boasts some 66 linear miles of shoreline within its boundaries.