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From: Eric Hoffman, Prosecuting Attorney
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The Delaware County Prosecutor's Office, in conjunction with the Delaware County Circuit Court Judges, the Muncie City Court Judge, the Muncie Mission and Road to Redemption is pleased to announce Surrender to Freedom, a warrant surrender program.

There are times when individuals who are dealing with substance abuse or addiction issues do not seek out appropriate treatment, partly because of fear of being arrested for an outstanding warrant due to an ongoing criminal matter. Our office hopes to eliminate that hurdle for those individuals who are serious about getting the help they need. The goal of this program is to give these individuals a chance to seek the treatment that they need to help combat this problem.

If a person has an active, qualifying bench warrant issued out of Delaware County, they may present themselves to the Muncie Mission, located at 1725 S. Liberty Street in Muncie on January 14, 2019 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. The person will not be arrested. Rather, they will be given a date and time to appear in court where the Judge of that Court can formally vacate the warrant and set new dates in the case. Additionally, if the person is suffering from drug or alcohol addiction, there will be advisors and treatment providers on site at the Mission to help with placement in available treatment programs.

It is our hope that those who have qualifying active arrest warrants will take advantage of this opportunity to have their warrants vacated to start 2019 off on the right foot. Even though the warrant will be vacated, the person will still have to deal with the underlying case. This program simply vacates qualifying warrants to provide the person an opportunity to deal with their pending case.

A warrant qualifies for this program if:

- 1) The warrant was issued by a Delaware County Circuit Court or the Muncie City Court;
- 2) The warrant falls under one of the following categories:
 - a. Warrants issued for Failure to Appear (FTA) at a previously scheduled court hearing;

- b. Arrest Warrants issued for non-violent offenses classified as Level 3 Felony or below; OR Class C Felony or below;
- c. Warrants issued out of Drug Court or Veteran's Court for Failure to Appear at a previously scheduled Review Hearing; or
- d. Warrants issued pursuant to a Probation Revocation where the ONLY violations are failure to report and/or failure to pay fees.

The following warrants **do not** qualify for participation in the Surrender to Freedom Program:

- 1) Arrest Warrants issued for any violent crime, which include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Battery (all types and classifications);
 - b. Rape;
 - c. Child Molestation;
 - d. Murder;
 - e. Arson;
 - f. Robbery;
 - g. Leaving the Scene of an Accident resulting in Death or Serious Bodily Injury;
 - h. Operating While Intoxicated Resulting in Death or Serious Bodily Injury;
- 2) Civil Warrants (Body Attachments);
- 3) Tax Warrants; and
- 4) Warrants issued pursuant to a Contempt Citation or a finding of Contempt of Court

The following is attached to this press release:

- A flyer describing the program
- A Court Order from the Delaware County Circuit Court Judges
- A Court Order from the Muncie City Court Judge

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Surrender to Freedom

January 14th, 2019 10am to 6pm
Muncie Mission, 1725 S. Liberty St., Muncie, IN, 47302

Are you suffering from addiction? We can help with that!
We will have advisors on site to help with placement in available treatment facilities.

Do you have a WARRANT out of Delaware County? We can also help with that!
If you have an eligible warrant, we can assist with getting it resolved to avoid being arrested.

Drug and Paraphernalia Surrender & Disposal Available - WITHOUT ARREST!
If you are in possession of any drugs and/or drug paraphernalia, you can surrender them for disposal at this event without fear of arrest or prosecution.

Come to this event and we can help you!

Questions? Call Brian Bell (765)760-0806

Please note that the following criteria apply in order to determine whether your Warrant(s) are eligible for participation in the Surrender to Freedom program:

- 1) The Warrant MUST be issued by a Delaware County Court (Including Muncie City Court);
(NOTE: we CANNOT vacate warrants issued by courts in other counties and/or states)
- 2) The Warrant must fall under one of the following categories:
 - a. Warrants issued for Failure to Appear (FTA) at a previously scheduled court hearing.
 - b. Arrest Warrants issued for non-violent offenses classified as Level 3 Felony or below; OR Class C Felony or below.
 - c. Warrants out of Drug Court or Veteran's Court for Failure to Appear at Review Hearing.
 - d. Warrants issued pursuant to a Probation Revocation where the ONLY violations are:
 - i. Failure to Report, and/or
 - ii. Failure to Pay Fees

Warrants that are **NOT** eligible:

- 1) Arrest Warrants issued for violent crimes, which include, but are not limited to:
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 - d. Rape
 - e. Child Molestation
 - f. Murder
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 - j. Leaving the Scene of an Accident resulting in Death or Serious Bodily Injury
 - k. Operating While Intoxicated Resulting in Death or Serious Bodily Injury
- 2) Child Support Warrants issued by Title IV-D Court
- 3) Civil Warrants (Body Attachments)
- 4) Tax Warrants
- 5) Warrants issued pursuant to a Contempt Citation / finding of Contempt of Court
- 6) Juvenile Court Warrants

Sponsored by: Road to Redemption Addiction Recovery, Subway (Tillotson), Jack's Donuts, Muncie Mission, Muncie Police Department, Delaware County Sheriff's office, Delaware County Prevention Council, UrbanLightHouse, Delaware County EMS, New Beginnings, Big Time Barbell, and the Delaware County Prosecutor's Office

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS: IN THE DELAWARE CIRCUIT COURT
DELAWARE COUNTY)

Order Concerning Surrender to Freedom Program

WHEREFORE, the Judges of the Delaware Circuit Court have been advised of the Surrender to Freedom Program, which is set to take place on or about Monday January 14, 2019, at the Muncie Mission. The Judges have been further advised that this program will consist of community stakeholders attempting to aid members of the community who are suffering from or dealing with an addiction with locating appropriate treatment options.

WHEREFORE, the Judges of the Delaware Circuit Court have agreed that that any individuals who appear at the Surrender to Freedom Program and who have a “qualifying warrant” will not be arrested on said warrant. Rather, said individuals shall be provided with a notice of hearing that will state a date and time for those individuals to produce themselves in the court from which said “qualifying warrant” was issued. “Qualifying warrants” are defined as follows:

- 1) The Warrant **MUST** be issued by a Delaware County Court (Including Muncie City Court);
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The Judges have been further advised that the following warrants would not qualify for participation in the Surrender to Freedom Program:

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WHEREFORE, the Judges of the Delaware Circuit Court believe that participation in the Surrender to Freedom Program would be beneficial for any individual that may be suffering from or dealing with an addiction.

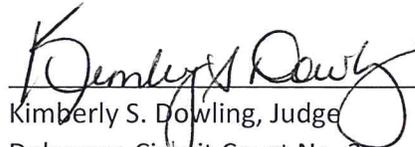
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED, by the Delaware County Board of Judges that any individuals who has a qualifying warrant, as defined above, who appear at the Surrender to Freedom Program shall not be taken into custody on said warrant. Rather, said individuals shall be provided with a notice of hearing that will state a date and time for those individuals to produce themselves in the court from which said qualifying warrant was issued.

All of which is So Ordered this 11th day of January, 2019.

DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF JUDGES



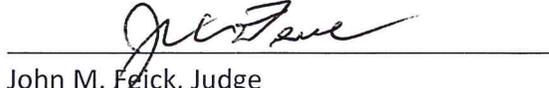
Marianne Vorhees, Presiding Judge
Delaware Circuit Court No. 1



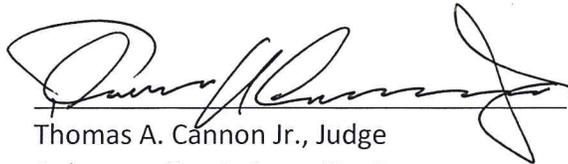
Kimberly S. Dowling, Judge
Delaware Circuit Court No. 2



Linda Ralu Wolf, Judge
Delaware Circuit Court No. 3



John M. Feick, Judge
Delaware Circuit Court No. 4



Thomas A. Cannon Jr., Judge
Delaware Circuit Court No. 5

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WHEREFORE, the Judge of Muncie City Court believes that participation in the Surrender to Freedom Program would be beneficial for any individual that may be suffering from or dealing with an addiction.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED, by the Judge of the Muncie City Court that any individual who has a qualifying warrant, as defined above, who appear at the Surrender to Freedom Program shall not be taken into custody on said warrant. Rather, said individuals shall be provided with a notice of hearing that will state a date and time for those individuals to produce themselves in the court from which said qualifying warrant was issued.

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Amanda Dunnuck, Judge
Muncie City Court

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