

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ARREST WARRANT APPLICANTS

Under Georgia Law (O.C.G.A. §17-4-40), the majority of circumstances require that arrest warrant applications be scheduled for a hearing. To schedule an arrest warrant hearing, the court must attempt to notify the person, whose arrest is being sought, of the date, time, and location of the hearing.

TO FILE AN ARREST WARRANT APPLICATION:

- Before applying for an arrest warrant, you must first notify an investigator from the Toombs County Sheriff's Office or the Vidalia or Lyons Police Department.
- You may be liable for all court cost that may incur upon granting of a dismissal of a warrant.
- The completed arrest warrant application must be paid for and filed at the clerk's office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon or 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
- State law provides that the applicant, unless involved in a domestic violence situation, shall pay a non-refundable application fee of \$20.00 for each warrant application you choose to file.
- The application must provide the full name, complete address, and physical description of the person whose arrest is being sought. The applicant may only include one person to be arrested per application.
- The applicant must give a full description of the alleged crime including the date, time and location address of the incident. The alleged crime must have occurred in Toombs County in order for the hearing to be scheduled at the Toombs County Magistrate Court.
- If your arrest warrant application is denied or if you dismiss the application, you cannot file again on this same set of facts.
- If you are missing any of the above information about the crime or the alleged perpetrator, then, you should request assistance from law enforcement.
- This is an application to have someone arrested and will not result in an award of money damages or property to be returned.
- Under Georgia Law, the employees of the Magistrate Court and clerk's office cannot give legal advice. The Judge cannot give legal advice. If you have questions about your legal rights or what options are available, you should consult an attorney.

I have read and understand the above information about arrest warrant applications.