

According to O.C.G.A. 17-11-4(b), A magistrate may, in his discretion, assess costs and jail fees against the person who instigated the prosecution when, at a committal hearing, the action is dismissed for want of probable cause and the magistrate finds that the complaint was unfounded and malicious.

Therefore, the applicant WILL BE CHARGED the court costs and sheriff's cost associated with the case if it is found that:

- the applicant fails to show for the hearing
- the applicant decline to prosecute the matter
- the applicant agree to the dismissal of the charges
- the case brought against the defendant is unfounded or malicious,

Court costs are as follows: Misdemeanors: \$55.00; Felonies: \$110.00. Sheriff's costs are \$20.00 for the book-in and \$ 25.00 per day for incarceration.

By signing an arrest warrant, the applicant submits to the authority of the court for all purposes involving this warrant. If the applicant wishes to dismiss the prosecution, then court and sheriff's costs are going to be assessed.

FAILURE TO PAY THESE COSTS may result in a contempt of court citation which is punishable by an additional fine of up to \$ 200.00 and/or incarceration for up to 10 days.

Finally, once the court has determined the matter to be "bound over" to the Superior Court for felonies and State Court for misdemeanors, then that particular court will handle further matters in that case.

If you have any questions, please contact the Magistrate Court of Toombs County.