

71-B District Court Announces
Warrant, Traffic, and Parking Ticket Amnesty Program

TUSCOLA COUNTY – The Tuscola County District Court announced today an amnesty program for anyone with an outstanding criminal or traffic warrant for failing to pay fines, court costs and fees.

Those who appear and make payment in full will not be arrested or incarcerated, and their warrant will be cancelled. Additionally, the Court will waive late fees, warrant fees and Order to Show Cause fees. The Court will not waive the \$45 fee for reinstating a suspended license.

If a person cannot pay in full but appears and makes a substantial payment they will not be arrested or incarcerated, and their warrant will be cancelled. If an approved payment plan is set up to pay the remaining balance, the late fees, warrant fees and Order to Show Cause fees may also be waived, with the exception of the \$45 fee for reinstating a suspended license.

Judge Jason E. Bitzer, the Tuscola County District Court Judge, said “The hope is that this program will be tremendously successful. First, it will allow the Court to clear a backlog of warrants and save on the costs and resources necessary to collect on these debts. Second, it will allow individuals who have a warrant for their arrest or a suspended driver’s license because of their failure to pay, the chance to correct these issues.”

This program will be in effect from Monday February 24, 2020 until Friday March 20, 2020. Questions, including those regarding eligibility for this amnesty program, should be directed to the Court at 989-672-3800.

Once the program ends, the courts will resume its aggressive collection efforts on these unpaid fines, costs, and fees.