

HAYS COUNTY COMPUTERIZED CRIMINAL HISTORY SYSTEM DATA REPORTING IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Legislature mandates through Chapter 60 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure that all criminal justice agencies in Texas report to the Department of Public Safety's Computerized Criminal History System all information on arrests, prosecutions and dispositions of cases for persons arrested for Class B misdemeanors or greater. All counties are to be at or above 90% reporting.

Hays County is currently below 90% reporting.

The local advisory board has concluded that two issues exist. One is incomplete reporting on misdemeanor Failure to Appear arrests. The other is electronic reporting from the countywide computer program to the Department of Public Safety.

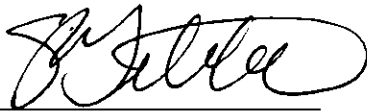
Previously, when a person was arrested for misdemeanor Failure to Appear, the Sheriff's Department would report the arrest to the Computerized Criminal History System and forward to the District Attorney's office. The District Attorney's office would never accept the charges or decline them. Presently, the District Attorney's office, upon receiving the arrest, reports whether these charges are declined or accepted to the Computerized Criminal History System.

Hays County was one of the first counties in Texas to purchase the countywide computer program Odyssey. Odyssey has the ability to electronically transfer all reporting information to the Computerized Criminal History System. All agencies within Hays County have used and continue to use this method of reporting. Originally, Odyssey could send the reports, but could not receive confirmation that the reports were accepted. During this time, Odyssey also had programming interfacing problems with the Computerized Criminal History System. These software problems have since been corrected, with all reporting sent electronically and receipt confirmed. Furthermore, multiple personnel within the District Clerk's Office, County Clerk's Office, and the District Attorney's Office have access to the Computerized Criminal History System website to manually correct or add any reports.

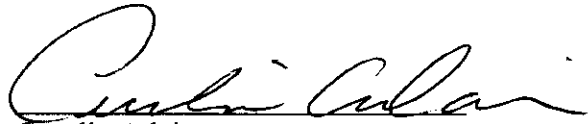
All criminal justice agencies will continue to use the electronic reporting and confirmation of receipt through Odyssey for reporting to the Computerized Criminal History System, and will continue as currently done, the reporting of misdemeanor

Failure to Appear dispositions. However, the Local Data Advisory Board does recognize that the District Courts and County Courts at Law are constitutional and statutory elected courts; none of the Board members have any control over the time from arrest to disposition of cases.

The Undersigned members of the advisory board pledge to cooperate in compiling the data required by law and forwarding the appropriate information to agencies in the county and to the Department of Public Safety. We also agree to communicate with one another any problems or discrepancies that occur in compiling reports.



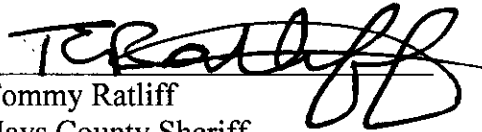
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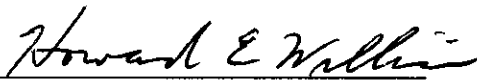
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