

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS WARRANTS**

- **Seeking a warrant for someone's arrest does not guarantee a warrant will be issued. There are several factors but most fail because of a lack of evidence / identification. To seek a warrant to have someone arrested you will need to file a report, have sufficient evidence that the person committed the crime, submit a sworn written statement of the facts and evidence called an affidavit. The prosecuting attorney's office may or may not submit the affidavit to the court for a warrant. If they do and a judge believes a warrant should be issued the court will issue a warrant. The police department will then serve the warrant.**
- **To verify the issuance of a warrant please e-mail your request to [cid@blythevillepd.org](mailto:cid@blythevillepd.org). Request will not be taken by phone.**
- **The Police Department will serve approximately 3,000 warrants a year. There are too many factors to consider to be able to determine when a warrant may be served. You will need to update any changes in your phone # / address with the court clerk. Many cases are dismissed because the court was unable to contact the victim.**
- **If you want to drop charges you must submit a written statement that you want to drop charges. However the warrant most likely will stay active until the court can review your statement.**
- **If you have to ask you probably do. 75% of all warrants issued by the Blytheville District Court each year are for Failure to Appear (FTA) many for forgotten tickets. If your ticket was for a moving violation your driver's license has probably also been suspended as well and will cost you to have it reinstated by the State. The best way to handle the warrant is to surrender to the police department to clear the warrant.**