



Mount Vernon Municipal Court
5 North Gay Street, 3rd Floor
Mount Vernon, Ohio
Safe Surrender Program

The Mount Vernon Municipal Court will conduct another Safe Surrender Program on **October 26, 2023, from 12:00-4:00 p.m.** Individuals with active arrest warrants out of the Mount Vernon Municipal Court who report to the Courtroom at that time will not be arrested. Instead, they may meet with the Court or Probation staff or go in front of the Judge to address their legal obligations.

What will happen when you report to the Safe Surrender Program?

Individuals who failed to appear for a hearing will have their hearing rescheduled. Those who failed to report for a jail sentence will be given a new date to report to Jail. Defendants with probation warrants will be seen by a Probation Officer to address the reasons for the warrant.

Who is not eligible for the Safe Surrender Program?

The Safe Surrender Program does not apply to anyone with an active warrant for an offense of violence such as Assault, Aggravated Menacing, Domestic Violence, etc., Violating a Temporary Protection Order, Operating a Vehicle under the Influence of Alcohol/Drugs or any felony offense. You will be arrested and go to Jail, if you appear in Court on **October 26** with one of these charges.

How do I know if I have a warrant or what I've been charged with?

If you are unsure whether you have an outstanding warrant, look for your name on the active warrants list on the Court's website: mountvernonmunicipalcourt.org/active-warrants/. You can also look up your case and the charge on the website under the Case Lookup tab.

Why should you report to the Safe Surrender Program?

Upon reporting to the Safe Surrender Program your warrant will be recalled from law enforcement and the warrant block preventing renewal of your driver's license and registration will be released. You will also avoid being booked in at the Jail, then waiting for a bond hearing.

Why does the Court have a Safe Surrender Program?

The goals of the Safe Surrender Program include reducing the risk to law enforcement when individuals are arrested and alleviating overcrowding at the Jail. The Program will clear up the Court's dockets by resolving old cases and help individuals address their legal problems.

What should you bring with you?

Bring a driver's license, state ID card, Social Security card, Medicare card, or military ID card.

How do I learn more about the Safe Surrender Program?

For more information, please call the Mount Vernon Municipal Court Clerk's Office at **740.393.9510**, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.