

GOOD BEHAVIOR WARRANTS

Issuance:

May only be issued by judicial officer authorized to hold court of inquiry [OCGA § 17-6-90]. Generally, Pre-Warrant Hearings are held prior to the issuance of a Good Behavior Warrant.

Probable Cause Basis:

- A. May be based upon another's sworn affidavit; **OR**
- B. Court's own motion. " Probable cause **MUST** exist.

Grounds:

- A. Conduct of person in the county;
- B. Directed at person or property in the county;
- C. Justifying belief that:
 - 1. safety of person is endangered, or
 - 2. personal peace may be disturbed, or
 - 3. person's property may be disturbed, or
 - 4. person's property may be injured [OCGA § 17-6-90(a)]
- D. Can't be purely speculative. Some conduct must have occurred.

Court may set reasonable conditions with same limitations as set out in [OCGA § 17-6-90].

Duration of the warrant is (6) months from the date the Defendant is served with the Good Behavior Warrant.

What is a Good Behavior Warrant?

This order does state that a specific individual (Defendant) is to stay away from you, your home, your job, and your family, by person, telephone, email, text message, or any other communicative means, along with any third party contact. Other special conditions relating to the issuance of the warrant may be instituted at the discretion of the Court. The warrant is valid for six (6) months upon service to the opposing party (Defendant). The warrant is only valid in the county to which it has been issued and deals with conduct within said county.

Personally came _____ Address _____

Who says that _____ Address _____

Did on Date _____

Between the hours of _____ A. and _____ M.

Commit the offense of _____

Place of Occurrence _____

Against _____

Describe offense _____

Witnesses:

_____ Sworn before me this _____ day of

_____, _____

_____ Affiant

_____ Address

_____ City, State, Zip

_____ Phone _____