

What to Do If Someone You Know Has Been Arrested

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Determine if they are in Travis County (TC) custody.

- If they are 18+, scan the QR code and search the TC Sheriff's site by name. →
- If they are listed on the website, they are in Travis County custody.
- If they are not listed on the website, they are NOT in Travis County custody. We will not have any additional information.

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If they are in Travis County custody, here is what happens next.

- **Booking** - they will be booked into the downtown jail and evaluated for physical/mental health.
- **Interview** - they will be interviewed by Pretrial Services to gather information for bonding and financial need screening.
- **Magistration** - they will appear in front of a magistrate judge at the address listed below.

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A Magistrate Judge will do the following:

- Advise them of their rights.
- Decide if there was Probable Cause (PC) to arrest them, and for what charge(s).
- Set bail and release conditions.
- The judge will NOT decide if they are guilty at this stage.

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After they appear in front of a judge, here is what happens next.

- They may now be eligible for release.
- The online system will display a cause number and bond amount.
- They will be given a court date or be released to appear in court using one of these types of bonds:
 - **Personal Bond** - they will be released without paying bail
 - **Cash** - they can pay the Sheriff's Office the amount of bail in cash
 - **Bail Bond** - they may hire a bail bondsman
 - **Attorney Bond** - they may hire an attorney

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When will they be released?

- This process typically takes many hours.
- You will know they are being released once a bond has been posted.
- Once a bond has been posted, the online system will show that under "Disposition."
- If they are no longer listed in the online system, they are no longer in Travis County custody.

