

## Montgomery County Traffic Ticket Amnesty Program Copy 1

Montgomery County is hosting its second annual traffic ticket amnesty program today.

Eligible citizens are those who have pending warrants for arrest because their traffic tickets are more than 90 days past due. This applies to residents and non-residents who have received a ticket from a sheriff's officer or a state trooper in Montgomery County. Tiffany McCord is the Montgomery County Circuit Clerk. She says the amnesty program provides options that weren't previously available.

"If you needed payment plans before, you would have to go to court, see the judge, take a day and come into the courthouse. This way, you get an automatic payment plan if you can pay half of what is owed, you'll have another six weeks in which to pay the other half."

To clear the warrant, citizens must go to the district courthouse on South Lawrence Street between eight and five pm. Citizens who received tickets from the Montgomery Police Department are not eligible because those tickets are handled in municipal court.

## Montgomery County Traffic Ticket Amnesty Program Copy 2

Montgomery County hosted its second annual traffic ticket amnesty program yesterday.

It was a one-day program for citizens who had warrants for arrest because their traffic tickets were more than 90 days past due. They were required to go to the district courthouse on Lawrence Street in Montgomery to pay half of what was owed. They now have six weeks to pay the remaining balance. Tiffany McCord is the Montgomery County Circuit Clerk. She says it was an easy way for citizens to pay tickets while collecting some of the debt that was owed to the court.

“We were looking at the amount of unpaid tickets we had and we wanted to give people the opportunity to pay those tickets without fear of being arrested on the spot or fear that they would go to jail immediately for not paying those tickets.”

Citizens who received tickets from the Montgomery Police Department were not eligible for the program because that is a separate jurisdiction. Those tickets are handled in municipal court.