



JUSTICE COURTS OF REFUGIO COUNTY

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, NO. 1
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REFUGIO, TEXAS 78377
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www.co.refugio.tx.us OR 1-888-272-9829 Jurisdiction #6576**

*****PLEASE READ THIS LETTER BEFORE CALLING!*****

This letter is furnished as a courtesy to you by the Justice Courts of Refugio County, Texas to assist you in making disposition of the charge or charges filed against you. PLEASE NOTE: A TELEPHONE CALL IS NOT AN APPEARANCE; AN APPEARANCE IN COURT IS ONLY BY CERTIFIED MAIL, IN PERSON OR BY YOUR ATTORNEY. THE JUDGE CANNOT DISCUSS THE MERITS OF A PENDING JUDICIAL PROCEEDING PRIOR TO TRIAL(Canon 3(5) Code of Judicial Conduct).

If you wish to enter a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, please indicate in the proper space provided. A plea of Nolo Contendere, means that you do not contest the state's charge(s) against you. The fine for a nolo contendere plea is the same as that for a plea of guilty. Either plea indicates that you agree to waive appearance before the court for trial. A PLEA MUST BE ENTERED WITH PAYMENT.

You must refer to the schedule on the reverse side of this letter to determine the total amount of your fine(s) and the costs assessed against you. Make your remittance by CASHIER'S CHECK, MONEY ORDER (NO COMPANY CHECKS, CASH or PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED.) to the Justice Court encircled at the top of this letter. Return a copy of the citation and this letter with your remittance to assure proper credit.

If you wish to enter a plea of "NOT GUILTY" and desire a trial, you must so indicate in the proper space provided. If you enter a plea of "NOT GUILTY", you must make appearance before the Court. You must return this letter, and our copy of the citation not later than the APPEARANCE date shown on the citation. You shall be notified by return mail of the court date set for your hearing. You have the right to a trial by jury, if you so request.

*Thank You,
The Justice Courts of Refugio County, Texas*

WARNING

FAILURE TO RESPOND TO THE CHARGE(S) BY THE APPEARANCE DATE SHOWN ON YOUR CITATION WILL RESULT IN AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF "FAILURE TO APPEAR" OF WHICH THE FINE IS \$200.00 AND ISSUANCE OF A WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST. THE COURT MAY ALSO DENY RENEWAL OF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE.

SCHEDULE OF ACCEPTABLE FINES

(EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010)

Gross Weight and Axle Violations (Including 1547 permit violations):	
Over weight-Less than 5,000 lbs.	\$ 304.00
Over weight-5,000 lbs. To 10,000 lbs.	481.00
Over weight-Over 10,000 lbs.	804.00
Permit Violations	304.00
No Motor Carrier Authority(ICC CAB CARD)	174.00
No or Improper reflective Material	174.00
No or Improper Commercial Motor Vehicle Signs or Markings	174.00
Fire Extinguisher Violation	174.00
No CDL Driver's License	261.00
No/Expired Registration or MVI Certificate	174.00
No Hazardous Materials Shipping Papers	174.00
No Medical Card on Person	174.00
Display/Fail to Display Hazardous Material Placards When Needed/Not Needed	174.00
Oversize-All Width, Length, height Violations	174.00
Improper Loading Loose Materials, and Inadequate Bed Violations	174.00
No/Improper Load Securement	174.00
No/Improper Load Securement - Intermodal Container	174.00
All Vehicle Equipment Violations (Defective Brakes, Lights, Etc.)	174.00
Operating Out of Service Vehicle	261.00
No Current Record of Duty Status	174.00
False Log Book	257.00
Over Hours Driving	174.00
No Proof of Liability Insurance	351.00
Disregard Traffic Control Sign	174.00
No/Fail To Display TX DOT Insurance Certificate	174.00
No Annual DOT Inspection	174.00
Driving with Detectable Amount of Alcohol About Person	356.00
Illegal Extension to Rear	174.00
Fail to Display Current License Receipts	174.00
Driver in Possession of Radar Detector	211.00
Brakes Out of Adjustment	174.00
NO SAFETY BELT	174.00

FOR ANY VIOLATIONS NOT LISTED, CONTACT COURT.
AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$25.00 WILL BE CHARGED FOR PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS.

**CDL LICENSE HOLDERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A
DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS NOR DEFERRED DISPOSITION**

REPLY FORM

Mail to the Justice Court **CIRCLED** at the top of the letter **BY** the **APPEARANCE DATE** on the citation.
CHECK ONE OF THE BELOW:

1. _____ I hereby enter a plea of **GUILTY** and waive appearance at trial. A CASHIER'S CHECK, MONEY ORDER in the amount of fine (s) is enclosed.
2. _____ I hereby enter a plea of **NOLO CONTENDERE** and waive appearance for trial. A CASHIER'S CHECK, MONEY ORDER in the amount of fine(s) is enclosed.
3. _____ I hereby enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY** and request of (jury or non-jury trial). **CIRCLE ONE** I (Will or Will Not) be represented by counsel.

DATE: _____ **SIGNATURE:** _____

WARNING: "A conviction of an offense under a traffic law of this state or a political subdivision of this state may result in the assessment on your driver's license of a surcharge under the Driver Responsibility Program."

SELECT: COUNTY OFFICES: JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

SELECT: MAKE PAYMENTS ON-LINE (CLICK HERE)

****BE SURE & SELECT THE RIGHT JUDGE****

SELECT: LOCAL PAYMENTS/OTHER PAYMENTS

ENTER JURISDICTION CODE: 6576(LOPEZ)

6577(WHITLOW)

SELECT: PAYMENT TYPE (SELECT TX LICENSE & WEIGHT) (CONTINUE)

ENTER DOLLAR AMOUNT(CONTINUE)

TERMS & CONDITIONS: CHOOSE BACK, DECLINE, ACCEPT

ENTER DEFENDANT INFORMATION AND FOLLOW THE REST OF THE INSTRUCTIONS.

PHONE INSTRUCTIONS (1-888-272-9829)

SELECT: #3 PROPERTY TAX AND ALL OTHER PAYMENTS

JURISDICTION CODE: 6576 (LOPEZ)

6577 (WHITLOW)

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IT WILL ASK IF YOU SELECT REFUGIO COUNTY PCT # _____

#1 FOR CORRECT

TYPE: SELECT (TX LICENSE & WEIGHT)

CITATION # (TX NUMBER ON TOP LEFT HAND SIDE OF TICKET)

FOLLOW REST OF THE INSTRUCTIONS