

State of Connecticut  
Office of Policy and Management  
Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division

**Report on Numbers of Arrest Warrants for Failure to Appear  
and Arrest Warrants for Violation of Probation**

February 2009

Report Information and Explanations

Connecticut General Statute Section 4-68q requires the Office of Policy and Management is to provide counts (or numbers) of warrants for Failure to Appear (FTA) for criminal, motor vehicle as well as warrants for Violation of Probation (VOP). The counts being provided to each municipality are indicated on the report which is enclosed.

The provided numbers are the total of all the reported address locations on warrants, respectively, in each municipality. The forwarded report lists each of these address locations, which may be a post office or a geographical location associated with each municipality. These are "post office" locations reported as part of the address of record on the arresting documentation associated the re-arrest warrant for a person residing (or was residing) at the address of record in the indicated municipality that are still outstanding. **It is recognized that an address of record may not be the current location of the offender; however, the address of record was that reported by the offender on the date of the arrest or that associated with the violation of probation.** The arrest may have been made by the law enforcement agency responsible for municipality indicted on the report or may have been made from another law enforcement jurisdiction.

This report, revised effective with the report of February 1, 2009 data, provides information not previously available. The data displayed on earlier reports under the line "Re-Arrest Warrants in Violation of Probation Proceedings" has been combined into the line "Arrest Warrants in Failure to Appear (FTA) Proceedings. With new court procedures not previously available and now in place to automate the issuance of Violation of Probation (VOP) warrants, a new line "Arrest Warrants in Violation of Probation Proceedings" has been added to indicate the number of arrest warrants for the offense of Violation of Probation. The line "Total (Sum) of FTA and VOP Arrest Warrants" combines (is the sum) the data in the first 2 lines. These data are provided from the Paperless Re-Arrest Warrant Network database, which is also known as PRAWN. PRAWN contains detailed information on Re-Arrest or Failure to Appear Warrants and for Violation of Probation Warrants, including the offender's name and address. The PRAWN system is available to all organized municipal police departments and to all the State Police locations. PRAWN is operated and maintained by the Division of Superior Court Operations, Office of the Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Branch.

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PRAWN provides electronic space for law enforcement agencies, which have made attempts to serve a warrant on an offender, to indicate information on the service attempt(s) as well as additional investigatory information relating to the offender. This information is then available to all other law enforcement agencies. Those notations are shown with the line "Number of FTA and VOP Warrants with Law Enforcement Actions Noted". A notation indicates some action taken was taken and at least one notation made by a law enforcement agency is on the PRAWN record.

PRAWN is an electronic data system from which re-arrest or failure to appear warrants and violation of probation warrants may be served regardless of the location of the originating warrant. Under separate statute, offenders arrested on a warrant may be presented to the court of jurisdiction associated with the location of the arrest or to the jurisdiction from which the warrant was issued.

This report is being provided on about the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

A copy of the respective municipal report is also being provided to the law enforcement agency with responsibility for municipality indicated on the report. Should there be questions on the arrest warrants for failure to appear or violation of probation associated with a municipality, please contact the law enforcement agency for that municipality. The contact person and agency is indicated near the bottom of the report.

A report indicating the number of re-arrest warrants for failure to appear in a criminal or motor vehicle proceeding and the number warrants for a violation of probation proceeding for all municipalities is posted on the website of the Office of Policy and Management. For your reference, the link to the web site location is as follows ---

<http://www.ct.gov/opm/cjis/rearrdata> .

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