

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF CAMDEN COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

INSTRUCTIONS FOR A GOOD BEHAVIOR BOND HEARING

The issuance of a Good Behavior Bond is a serious matter. A Good Behavior Bond is a court order, not an arrest warrant. The order can set reasonable conditions such as a requirement that a specific individual 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 third party contact. Other special conditions relating to the issuance of the bond may be instituted at the discretion on the Court. The warrant is valid for up to six months.

In order to file in Camden County, the conduct must have occurred in Camden County and be directed at a person or property in Camden County. The conduct must justify a belief that:

- Safety of a person is endangered, or
- Personal peace may be disturbed, or
- Person's property may be disturbed, or
- Person's property may be injured

Situations where Good Behavior Warrants are issued include:

- When a crime has occurred, but the victim is reluctant to pursue criminal prosecution, or
- Where probable cause exists for cross warrants against both parties, or
- Where threats were made, but without corroboration, or
- Where the seriousness of the criminal conduct does not yet warrant criminal prosecution, but some action is needed to prevent further escalation.

After you complete the attached form and before you give testimony, the clerk will collect a \$17.00 fee to file your application. This fee is state-mandated. There is no additional fee if a Good Behavior Bond is issued. There is no refund if a Good Behavior Bond is not issued.

Please write legibly. List all information required on the form, to the best of your ability. If you do not have accurate address information for the accused, please stop right now. A valid work or home address for the accused is critical to begin the criminal justice process.

The applicant in a Good Behavior Bond hearing is the prosecutor and has the burden of presenting evidence. Sufficient evidence may include, but is not necessarily limited to, sworn testimony by persons who witnessed the alleged act; physical evidence; photographs, or other documentary evidence that is directly related to the alleged crime.

Both parties have the right to bring and present voluntary witnesses to the court who can be sworn and testify under oath as to their involvement and/or knowledge of the matter before the court. Other witnesses who may have evidence to present may be subpoenaed by either party. The names and physical addresses of persons to be subpoenaed must be provided to the clerk once a hearing date and time has been scheduled. Each subpoena costs \$1.00 to issue and an additional \$10.00 if the subpoena is to be served upon the witness by a law enforcement officer.

The presiding judge is a neutral party in these proceedings and will make his or her determination based on the evidence presented.

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APPLICATION FOR A GOOD BEHAVIOR BOND

APPLICANT INFORMATION

CASE NUMBER: _____

Name

Home Phone Number

Street Address

Work Phone Number

City, State, Zip Code

Cell Phone Number

Place of employment

Job Title

I AM SEEKING A GOOD BEHAVIOR BOND TO BE ISSUED ON THE FOLLOWING PERSON

Name

Home Phone Number

Street Address

Work Phone Number

City, State, Zip Code

Cell Phone Number

Place of employment

Job Title

Race: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Date of birth: _____ SS#: _____

This person drives a: _____
(Make, Model, Year, Color, Tag Number)

How do you know this person? _____

Have you ever applied for a Good Behavior Bond against this person before?

YES NO

Has this person ever taken out a Good Behavior Bond against you before?

YES NO

Did you file a police report regarding the incident that occurred?

YES NO

Note: If you did file a police report, please attach a copy of the report with your application.

Do you have any visible physical injuries?

YES NO

Do you have any legal actions of any kind pending with the person you want arrested? YES NO

If yes, where was the case filed? _____

Were there any witnesses? YES NO

WITNESS INFORMATION

Name

Home Phone Number

Street Address

Work Phone Number

City, State, Zip Code

Cell Phone Number

Place of employment

Job Title

Name

Home Phone Number

Street Address

Work Phone Number

City, State, Zip Code

Cell Phone Number

Place of employment

Job Title

Name

Home Phone Number

Street Address

Work Phone Number

City, State, Zip Code

Cell Phone Number

Place of employment

Job Title

Lined area for text entry.

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR/AFFIRM THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE CONTAINED INFORMATION FOR A GOOD BEHAVIOR BOND AGAINST THE NAMED PERSON IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, _____

Affiant

Magistrate / Clerk / Deputy Clerk / Notary Public