

People wanted on warrants are urged to surrender

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Hennepin County Sheriff Rich Stanek is urging anyone with an active warrant to surrender to authorities today. The Sheriff's Office is conducting a warrant sweep to clear active warrants and make arrests.

"If you are wanted on an active warrant, you should do the right thing and to turn yourself in," said Sheriff Rich Stanek, "A warrant doesn't go away with time and we will continue to pursue you for arrest."

The enforcement effort is beginning this week and will continue through the end of the year. The Sheriff's Office will arrest people who are wanted for a range of offenses – from felonies to misdemeanors. The sweep will focus on active warrants related to violent crime, domestic violence, and DWIs.

There are advantages to voluntary surrender -- because by doing so a wanted person will avoid being arrested by deputies in their home or workplace. The wanted person might also avoid incarceration during the upcoming holiday if they turn themselves in now. This depends on the severity of their offense and the scheduling calendar within the criminal justice system. A wanted person may surrender to the Sheriff's Office or their local police department.

The goal of the warrant sweep is to improve public safety. People who are wanted on active warrants are more likely to reoffend. The sweep is being conducted in partnership with local

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police departments throughout Hennepin County. A warrant sweep is one method to pursue people with active warrants. In addition, the Sheriff's Office and local law enforcement agencies pursue and arrest wanted individuals everyday.

To determine if you have an active warrant

- Visit the Sheriff's Office Warrant Unit. It is located in Room 22 in **Minneapolis City Hall**, 350 South 5th Street, Minneapolis, MN. Business hours: 8:00am-4:30pm Monday-Friday.
- Bring a photo id. You may NOT call the Warrant Unit to inquire about the status of a warrant because Sheriff's Office personnel must verify your identity.

To voluntarily surrender:

- Individuals may turn themselves to local law enforcement or they may turn themselves in anytime at the Hennepin County Public Safety Facility, also known as the Hennepin County Jail. It's located at 401 South 4th Avenue, Minneapolis, MN.
- Advise the deputy at the front lobby that you would like to turn yourself in. You will be placed under arrest and detained in the jail.
- Continued detention will depend on bail amount, release conditions, your ability to post bail, and the court schedule.
- Bring government issued identification with you, any necessary prescription medications, and cash, if you plan on bailing out.

How to provide tips

Tipsters are encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Office with information concerning the whereabouts of fugitives by calling **1-888-988-TIPS**.

For anonymous tips, you may choose from three different ways to submit tip information.

- 1) **Submit an online form** – which can be found at www.hennepinsheriff.org
- 2) **Text us at 847 411** – begin your message with the keyword HCSOTip and then continue entering your tip.
- 3) **Download an app for iPhones or android phones**. The apps can be located by searching for "HCSOTip" or "Hennepin." Clicking on the app will bring up a tip form that you fill to provide information.

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