



## Municipal Court to Host second annual Safe Harbor Day

Ottawa County Municipal Court will be conducting a Safe Harbor Day again this year. It will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2024 from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. This "safe harbor" will give individuals with outstanding warrants a chance to address their legal issues without immediately going to jail. The initial Safe Harbor Day was a success with numerous warrants lifted. This only applies to warrants issued by The Ottawa County Municipal Court.

Some examples of individuals who can participate are:

- Individuals who failed to attend a court hearing will be seen by the Judge or Magistrate with the opportunity to enter a plea or have their hearing rescheduled.
- Individuals who failed to complete court ordered evaluations or programs will be allowed to re-engage in treatment with the appropriate monitoring by the Court's Probation Department.
- Individuals who failed to perform community service will be given the opportunity to reschedule the completion date.
- Individuals who did not attend a payment status hearing will meet with the Judge or Magistrate to review their financial status and establish a new payment plan.
- Individuals who did not report to serve a jail sentence will be issued a new date to report.

Upon reporting to the Court on Safe Harbor Day, the individual's warrant will be lifted and recalled from law enforcement.