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Request Regarding Municipal Court Case ✉ Inbox

Patrick Amason

To: me · Tue, Jul 7 at 3:03 PM ▾

Dear Mr. Carpenter,

I am in receipt of your request to transfer the case in which you are the victim from the City of Taylor Municipal Court to the Houston County District Court.

Unfortunately, there is no legal procedure that permits a municipal court case to be transferred directly to the district court. In situations where a conflict or other issue exists within the municipal court, the charging officer may elect to dismiss the municipal court case and subsequently seek the issuance of a new warrant in district court.

However, please be advised that the statute of limitations for a misdemeanor offense is generally twelve (12) months from the date of the offense. Therefore, if more than twelve months have elapsed since the offense occurred, the case cannot be dismissed and refiled in district court.

Under these circumstances, your primary remedy is to address your concerns regarding the appointment of a prosecutor and/or judge with the Taylor Town Council or governing municipal authority. It is the responsibility of the municipality to resolve any conflicts within its court system, including the appointment of replacement officials when necessary to ensure the fair administration of justice.

I hope this information answers your question and provides guidance regarding the appropriate steps to address this matter with the Town of Taylor.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Patrick Amason



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