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Honorable Bill Moore Johnson County Attorney Guinn Justice Center 204 S. Buffalo, Ste. 410 Cleburne, TX 76033

Dear Bill:

You requested my current statistics on warrants I have issued for Johnson County.

Let me begin by saying I took this over this responsibility on August 1, 2009. Originally I was going to handle all DWI breath refusals for the Johnson County Law Enforcement Center. At that time I agreed to take on the responsibility of doing search and arrest warrants for Johnson County. This was supposed to relieve sitting judges from having to write warrants while they were in trial. I agreed to take this job for a term of 365 days per year and 7 days per week. In other words, I would be on constant call. Originally I only did search warrants and arrest warrants after hours and on weekends for the sitting courts. However, I agreed to take on all DWI breath refusals at the Law Enforcement Center 100 per cent of the time, day or night. At the present time, most all of the search warrants, blood search warrants, and many arrest warrants have now become my responsibility.

The most difficult cases I hear are blood search warrant refusals. These cases require that I go to the jail myself, meet with the officer, have the blood drawn, and receive the return and inventory. I then personally file the original with the District Clerk's office. All other search warrants and arrest warrants are basically done at my house. The most difficult part of my job is being on call 24/7. The only regular relief I get on the jail blood warrants is from Judge Bosworth if I am ill or have to attend a judicial conference. The average length of time to perform a blood search warrant by going to the jail is two hours.

I issue search and arrest warrants for the STOP task force, Burleson, Alvarado, Joshua, Grandview, Keene, Godley, Cleburne, Texas DPS, and the Auto Theft Bureau. I also issue warrants for several federal agencies working in Johnson County, such as FBI, DEA, and ATF. I also issue warrants for the District Attorney's office and the Johnson County Attorney's office.

Have Gavel
Will Travel

Since I began on August 1, 2009, I have issued the following warrants:

Total warrants through September 30, 2015

2881

Total jail blood search warrants through

September 30, 2015

1147

If you notice, the percentage of blood search warrants where I go to the jail runs 39.8 %. I divide my numbers quarterly. My next report will be January 31, 2016.

I have agreed to handle all warrants for at least two more years, at which time I will reevaluate my situation, as I will be 70 years old.

Thank you for your confidence, and I will continue to make myself available 24/7, 365 days per year.

C. **Q**. (Kit) Cooke

Senior District Judge

18th Judicial District of Texas

cc:

Honorable William Bosworth 413th District Court Local Administrative District Judge