









About Peace Bonds

<p>What is a Peace Bond?</p> 	<p>A Peace Bond is a court order designed to keep the peace by protecting someone who has been threatened, but not harmed. When a judge issues the Peace Bond he/she is ordering the person who made the threats to deposit money with the court. If the person who made the threats commits the threatened criminal action then the deposited money will be given to the state.</p>		
<p>What can a Peace Bond do?</p> 	<p>A Peace Bond warns someone not to break the law. If the person breaks the law, then he or she will face criminal charges and lose the money (the bond) deposited with the court.</p>		
<p>Peace Bonds are not bullet proof!</p> 	<p>A Peace Bond is only made of paper. It cannot stop fists or weapons. A Peace Bond does not offer 24-hour protection. It can't protect you from someone who doesn't think about consequences or who doesn't care about being arrested or losing the bond money.</p> <p>If you fear for your safety, speak to a domestic violence counselor about making a Safety Plan.</p>		
<p>How can I apply for a Peace Bond?</p> 	<p>You can apply for a Peace Bond if someone has threatened to harm you or your property.</p> <p>You apply for a Peace Bond by filing a Peace Bond Complaint and Statement of Offense by Complaining Party with the Justice of the Peace in your precinct.</p> <p>If the crime has already happened, a criminal complaint should be filed with the police or sheriff instead of a Peace Bond</p>		
<p><u>How long</u> will it last?</p> 	<p>Who issues a Peace Bond?</p> 	<p>How is it <u>enforced</u>?</p> 	<p>Do you need to give the other person notice?</p> 
<p>Up to 1 year</p>	<p>Justices of the Peace</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of bond money • Possible arrest to criminal action 	<p>Yes, it is required. The clerk of the court will have to send a notice of the Peace Bond hearing</p>

A Peace Bond is **not a protective order or a restraining order**. A Peace Bond is only approved or denied by the Judge. If you are filing a Peace Bond with our court, the information you provide must be true and correct. If you knowingly provide false information, criminal action will be taken. You must fill out our form completely. We are not attorneys, so we cannot assist you in filling out our form. If you do not know how to fill out the form, you must contact an attorney.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

IN THE JUSTICE COURT

VS.

PRECINCT 3

BROOKS COUNTY, TEXAS

CAUSE NO. _____

I, _____ so solemnly swear that I have good reasons to believe, and do believe, that _____; that _____, Defendant, has threatened to commit and is about to commit, in _____ County, Texas, the offense of

AGAINST THE LAW OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

AFFIANT

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this ___ day of _____, 20 ____.

COURT CLERK

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3
Brooks County, Texas

