Peace Bonds

Code of Criminal Procedure Ch. 7 Complaining witness files affidavit under oath that an offense is about to be committed CCP7.01

Judge shall immediately issue warrant for arrest, or summons to appear, of the accused CCP7.02

If accused fails to appears as summonsed, a warrant shall be issued CCP7.02 Following arrest, accused has the right to make appearance bond (pending the hearing) CCP 7.02

If judge finds "just reason" that an offense was intended, he shall make an order that accused enter into bond. CCP7.03

When accused is brought before judge, judge shall hold hearing on merits of complaint.* *Accused in peace bond proceeding is not entitled to a jury trial

Bond shall be payable to State of Texas, conditioned and in sum as ordered by judge. CCP7.04 If defendant fails to give bond, shall be committed to jail for one year from date of order CCP 7.08 If "no evidence", judge will deny peace bond and discharge the defendant CCP 7.10