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HARRIS COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK

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Select the Type of case you are filing from the **Filing Type** drop-down menu.

| Jurisdiction:                | Felony                                      | *                       |
|------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Case Number:                 | 131830501010 * Court: 351                   |                         |
| Style:                       | The State of Texas vs. CABALLERO, JOSUE (SP | N: 02545353)            |
| Filing Type:                 | Notice of Appeal                            | *                       |
| Filing Instructions:         |   | *                       |
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| Personal Filing Description: | Optional                                    |                         |

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| You may select    |  |  |  |  |  |
| the additional    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Related Criminal  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cases for which   |  |  |  |  |  |
| your documents    |  |  |  |  |  |
| may be filed.     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Click the More    |  |  |  |  |  |
| button to display |  |  |  |  |  |

| Related   | Cases Less     | 3          |                             | * *         |  |  |  |  |
|---|----------------|------------|-----------------------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| Please check all the cases involved with this filing from the list below. |                |            |                             |             |  |  |  |  |
|   |                |            |                             |             |  |  |  |  |
|   | Case Number    | File Date  | Offense                     | Case Status |  |  |  |  |
|   | 173513301010-2 | 1/30/2011  | DWI 2ND OFFENDER BAC .08    | Complete    |  |  |  |  |
|   | 123456801010-2 | 5/3/2004   | FAILURE TO STOP & GIVE INFO | Complete    |  |  |  |  |
|   | 102578001010-2 | 10/13/2000 | ASSAULT-BODILY INJURY       | Complete    |  |  |  |  |
|   | 923473901010-2 | 7/19/1992  | THEFT \$20-\$200            | Complete    |  |  |  |  |

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| The trace number FAX15058593 has been approved.                           | The trace number FAX15058552 has not been accepted.                           |
| Personal Filing Description: CS1234567                                    | Personal Filing Description: CS1715353  |
| Case Number : 123456701010-2<br>The State of Texas VS. AYALA, MIGUEL JOSE | Case Number : 171535301010-2<br>The State of Texas vs. HUNT, RONNIE (Court 9) |
| The filing contained the following file(s):                               | The filing contained the following file(s):                                   |
| 49188196 : Atty Record.pdf  | 49188158 : Motion.pdf   |
| Your documents will be viewable in our system within 1-2 business days.   | Your documents will be viewable in our system within 1-2 business days.       |
| Clerk's comment:<br>Test Notes  | Clerk's comment:<br>Testing Filing not accepted                               |
| Thank you for fax filing.   | Thank you for fax filing.   |
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