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Safe Surrender event in Taos, New Mexico

TAOS – People with outstanding bench warrants from any magistrate court in New Mexico can safely surrender at the Taos County Magistrate Court, 105 Albright Street, Suite M in Taos on Friday, September 29th from 1:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 30th from 8 a.m.– 5 p.m.

“Safe Surrender events are a great way for people throughout the state to come to the courthouse to work on a solution,” said Artie Pepin, director, Administrative Office of the Courts. “This year alone, judges have seen more than 150 people and a total of 689 warrants have been cancelled during these events.”

The safe surrender event provides anyone with outstanding warrants an opportunity to avoid jail and other consequences by appearing before a judge. At the time of surrender, anyone who appears voluntarily will receive favorable consideration when requesting a new court date, payment plan, or any other option required to comply with the court order.

During July’s San Juan Safe Surrender event, warrants were resolved in 392 cases.

A judge issues a bench warrant when a defendant violates requirements imposed by a court, such as appearing at hearings scheduled in a case. If you are unsure whether you have an outstanding bench warrant, call the toll-free warrant hotline at 855-268-7804 or check online case lookup at www.nmcourts.gov.

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