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Have a warrant and worried you may be arrested?

New Mexico Public Defenders host in-office warrant workshops in Abq

ALBUQUERQUE — Public defenders in the Albuquerque office are hosting three warrant workshops for New Mexicans with warrants from Bernalillo County. These workshops are an alternative to police roundups and court safe surrender programs. They offer a one-stop shop to resolve or get cases back on track.

"This is a safe space for our clients. There's no fear of arrest. They can bring their phones, which they can't do if they go to court. And we'll have snacks and some winter essentials for those in need," said Albuquerque District Defender Dennica Torres.

While this a public defender-led project, it is a collaboration with the Bernalillo County District Attorney's Office and Second Judicial District Court, both of which are providing staff for the workshops. The group will work with walk-in clients to address low level felonies in non-violent cases. To see if the warrant in your case qualifies for the workshop, call our office at 505-219-2868 or just walk in to the workshop hours.

"We hope clients who are afraid of being arrested in the community or are afraid of coming to a court house will feel safer meeting with us in the public defender office and will benefit, along with our community, from getting their warrant taken care of," said Chief Public Defender Ben Baur.

- Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 11 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 19 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

505 Marquette NW Albuquerque, NM 87102

We are in the tall, white PNC building just west of the police station.

Questions? Call 505-219-2868