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MAGISTRATE COURT TO OPEN AT NEW LOCATION IN LAS VEGAS

LAS VEGAS, N.M. _ The San Miguel County Magistrate Court will open at a new location in Las Vegas on Monday, April 6.

The court's new address is 312 Bibb Industrial Drive. Office hours will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to noon on Friday.

Judges are available to speak with individuals about citations from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday. To arrange that, individuals must check in with a court clerk at the counter no later than 9:30 a.m.

Two judges and nine staff members will work in the new building.

"As presiding judge, I would like to thank all the citizens of San Miguel County for their patience and understanding during this transition, please continue to be patient with the court staff and judges while we all work to get everybody taken care of," said Magistrate Court Judge Melanie Rivera.

Magistrate Court Judge Christian Montano said, “We appreciate the citizens understanding our challenges and we will rise to the occasion and continue serving justice for them".

The court’s previous building was closed in January because employees became ill while working there.

The Administrative Office of the Courts, which leases space for magistrate courts, found a new location for the court in Las Vegas after unsuccessful efforts to resolve the health problems reported by employees at the previous building.

After the building was closed, the court operated temporarily out of the 4th Judicial District Court in Las Vegas and then relocated to the San Miguel Detention Center and San Miguel Sheriff’s office.

Magistrate courts have limited jurisdiction and handle DWI cases, misdemeanors, traffic citations, civil actions up to $10,000 and hold preliminary hearings to determine probable cause on felony charges.

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