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Statewide safe surrender event in Las Cruces, New Mexico

SANTA FE – People with outstanding bench warrants from **any** magistrate court in New Mexico can get a fresh start and safely surrender at the Doña Ana County Magistrate Courthouse in Las Cruces Friday, September 20, 2024 from 1-7 p.m. and Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. The address is 110 Calle Alegra, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

“Safe Surrender events like this one in Las Cruces present an excellent opportunity for individuals with outstanding warrants to seek resolution," said Administrative Office of the Courts Director Karl Reifsteck. “After Santa Fe’s safe surrender event last spring alone, 626 cases no longer have active warrants.”

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.

Through safe surrender events from June 2023 to April 2024, warrants were resolved in 2,022 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 nmcourts.gov.

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