



Administrative Office of the Courts

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Safe Surrender event to clear outstanding bench warrants in Gallup, New Mexico

Gallup, NM – People with outstanding bench warrants from any magistrate court in New Mexico can safely surrender at the McKinley County Courthouse in Gallup next Friday, March 27th from 1-7 p.m., and next Saturday, March 28th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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.

“Safe Surrender events are designed to help people come back into compliance with the court,” said Administrative Office of the Courts Director Karl W. Reifsteck. “Ninety-two percent of voluntary participants resolve their cases without further non-compliance, illustrating that the program works.”

For the upcoming event in McKinley County, people who have bench warrants and live within a 50-mile radius of the host courthouse will receive an invitation to the Safe Surrender event via postcard, calls and texts from the Administrative Office of the Courts’ Court Operations Division

In 2025, Safe Surrender events were held in Espanola, Carlsbad and Tucumcari, clearing 2,468 bench warrants.

In Tucumcari, the Administrative Office of the Courts’ Court Operations Analysis Team sent out 2,622 post cards, 38,211 phone calls and 16,658 text messages.

A bench warrant is issued by a judge 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 NMCourts HelpLine at 855-268-7804 or check Case Lookup at nmcourts.gov.

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**Do you have a warrant from ANY
Magistrate Court in New Mexico?**

**Here's your opportunity
to clear it.**

**Safe
Surrender
Event in
Gallup**

WHEN? Friday March 27th, 1-7pm
Saturday March 28th, 8am - 5pm

WHERE? McKinley County Magistrate Court
285 Boardman Dr. Gallup, NM 87301



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**Questions?
855-268-7804**



We can help.