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**COUNTY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCES AMNESTY PERIOD FOR  
HOT CHECK WRITERS**

El Paso County Attorney José R. Rodríguez announced today that, given the overwhelming response by local residents, he has decided to join the Amnesty Week announced by the El Paso Police Department and the Municipal Court.

Individuals with outstanding hot check warrants who pay during the amnesty period will save money by avoiding the payment of many fees, such as court fees, attorney fees, and the payment of bonds. Most importantly, they will avoid incarceration during the upcoming city-wide arrest warrant round-up.

The amnesty period runs from Friday June 1<sup>st</sup> thru Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>. To facilitate the payment of outstanding hot checks, **the County Attorney's Office will be opening payment centers at the following Police Regional Command Centers** Monday thru Friday from 8:00 AM until 6:30 PM, and on Saturday June 2nd from 8 AM until 12:00 PM and on Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>, the last day of the amnesty period, from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

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| • Westside Regional Command       | 4801 Osborne Dr.   |
| • Pebble Hills Regional Command   | 10780 Pebble Hills |
| • Northeast Regional Command      | 9600 Dyer St.      |
| • Mission Valley Regional Command | 9011 Escobar Dr.   |

The County Attorney's Office will also be accepting payments on Saturdays at the Municipal Court building, 810 E. Overland, in downtown El Paso. Again, the payment centers will be open on Saturday June 2nd from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM and on Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

Residents with outstanding hot checks warrants can also make their payments at the El Paso County Attorney's Office, 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the County Courthouse, 500 E. San Antonio, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

For more information regarding hot check payments and balances please contact the El Paso County Attorney's Office Hot Check Unit at **546-2051**. The complete and updated list of individuals with theft by check outstanding warrants will remain posted in the El Paso County web site at: [www.epcounty.com/CA](http://www.epcounty.com/CA).

Payments can be made by money order, cashiers check, exact change (cash), Visa and Master Card upon approval. No other form of payment will be accepted.

Since Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup>, the day after the program was announced, the El Paso County Attorney's Office has received more than \$120,000 in payments from hot check writers.

There are currently more than 5,800 names in the County's hot checks warrants list, who owe local merchants more than 4.5 million dollars.

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