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**OUTSTANDING WARRANTS LIST TO BE PUBLISHED IN
SUNDAY'S EL PASO TIMES NEWSPAPER**

On Sunday May 27, 2007, the El Paso Police Department, Municipal Court and the El Paso County Attorney's Office will publish the names of thousands of individuals with outstanding traffic and hot check warrants. The list contains about 80,000 names, including residents of communities surrounding El Paso area in Texas and New Mexico.

Individuals whose names appear in the list have until the 2nd week of June to pay. Individuals who do not pay their outstanding checks and fines will be targeted for arrest during an upcoming city-wide round up operation. The operation will be conducted without prior notice by dozens of police officers from all the Regional Commands.

Residents with outstanding hot checks warrants will have to make their payments at the El Paso County Attorney's Office, 5th 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. 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.

Traffic tickets can be paid at any of the El Paso Police Regional Commands, or the Municipal Court, 810 E. Overland from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM Monday thru Friday. For more information on the traffic warrants, call the El Paso Municipal Court at 546-2980 or 546-2891 or visit the web page www.elpasotexas.gov/muni_clerk/citsrch.asp.

Since Tuesday May 1st, the day after the program was announced, the El Paso County Attorney's Office has received more than \$100,000 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.

The City of El Paso currently has approximately 182,000 outstanding warrants totaling more than \$40 million in unpaid fines.

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County Attorney José R. Rodríguez will be available for interviews this morning at 11 AM in his office at 500 E. San Antonio Suite 503.