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**HOT CHECK WRITERS ARRESTED DURING OPERATION
“BOUNCE” ROUND UP**

On Saturday August 26 at 6 AM, officers from the El Paso Sheriff Department, the County Attorney’s Office, the US Marshal’s Office, the Tax Assessor Office, and County Constables, initiated an arrest warrant round up, as part of “Operation Bounce”.

In total, 11 teams went out in search of 104 individuals with outstanding arrest warrants for writing hot checks.

In 6 hours, the officers were able to detain 14 fugitives, but only five were booked into the County jail. The other nine individuals paid the outstanding amounts and fees, and the officers released them immediately.

With today’s round up, the County Attorney’s Office was able to collect another \$8,868 for local merchants. That amount, along with the approximately 125,000 that were collected during the amnesty period, bring the total collections of Operation Bounce to more than \$133,000.

Operation Bounce is not over. During the next couple of weeks, officers from the County Attorney’s Office will keep searching for individuals with outstanding arrest warrants for writing hot checks.

Hot check writers still can come to our office to pay the outstanding amounts before they get arrested. Hot Check payment windows at the County Attorney’s Office (500 E. San Antonio, room 503) will remain open Monday thru Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM.

Individuals must pay the exact amount due. Change is not available at the

windows. Payments can be made by money order, cashiers checks, cash (exact amount only), or Visa and Master Card credit cards. No debit or check cards will be accepted.

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 has been posted in the El Paso County web site at: www.epcounty.com