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**ONLY 2 DAYS LEFT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE HOT  
CHECK AMNESTY PERIOD**

El Paso County residents with outstanding hot check warrants have only 2 days left to pay to avoid arrest during the upcoming Operation "Bounce".

The amnesty period for hot check writers began on August 14 and it is scheduled to end on Friday August 25 at 6 PM.

Since the beginning of the amnesty period, the El Paso County Attorney's Office has received \$79,957 in payments from hot check writers, and we expect an even greater turnout during the last 2 days of the program. More than 60 % the amount was collected during the last 3 days.

Individuals with outstanding hot check warrants who pay during the amnesty period avoid arrest and may avoid prosecution, plus they will save hundreds of dollars in fees related to incarceration, such as court fees, attorney fees, and payment of bonds. However, they still have to pay a merchant fee and a collection fee.

Individuals who do not pay their outstanding dues during the amnesty period will be targeted for arrest during a round up called "Operation Bounce." The operation will be conducted without prior notice anytime after the end of the amnesty period. Deputies from the Sheriff Office, the County Constables, the US Marshals Office, and several other local law enforcement agencies will go out at day or night arresting hot-check writers at their homes or places of employment.

Hot Check payment windows at the County Attorney's Office (500 E. San Antonio, room 503) will have special hours only until this Friday August 25, from 7 AM to 6 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](http://www.epcounty.com)