

# Recommendation Update Form

This response is in reference to recommendation # 23-3 / Area Command SE

Responsible SME: DC Brown

Date Sent: 07/17/23

Date Due: 07/24/23

\*Please provide response to highlighted portions.

**APD UDATE:** Thank you for your recommendation. With the current warrant backlog issues in Bernalillo County, Chief Medina reached out to Metro Court approximately 6 months ago to initiate the same idea. Chief Judge Dominguez from Metro has been working on implementation of such a program. This is in progress and is being worked on with input from APD, by Metro Court. I can provide an update when Metro Court finalizes their options.

Chief made aware of recommendation: Yes  No

Date: 8/2/2023

**Recommendation Status:** Approved  Denied

\*If denied please give reasoning: Already being implemented

# Recommendation Submission

CPC -This response is in reference to recommendation # 23-3

CPC -Area Command SE

CPC -Referenced CASA area (A,B,C,D,E): B

APD -Responsible SME: \_\_\_\_\_

APD -Date received 7/11/23

**RECOMMENDATION** (One (1) recommendation per submission.

Recommendation/Reasoning must be 500 words or less for submission):

Hello:

The SECPC would like to make a Recommendation that helps APD and the City of Albuquerque weed its way out of the backlog of Misdemeanor Warrants it finds itself under at this time. Our understanding from Lt. Ray del Greco is that the city currently has a backlog of over 60,000 warrants. Our recommendation is to coordinate through APD with the Courthouse and other City agencies, a period of amnesty, maybe a week (or even a month), designated far in advance, in which any citizen of the City can have one misdemeanor warrant expunged without any payment or penalty. This is good for only one warrant, and it must be a Misdemeanor. Citizen with more than one outstanding warrant will be responsible for all others.

We should advertise this week, far in advance, through all available channels, including the City websites, billboards and paid options, in order to achieve as much market penetration as possible. The citizens effected should be told that if they have outstanding felony warrants, they may be liable for arrest at the courthouse.

We at the SECPC feel that this measure would go a long way in fostering goodwill between APD, the court system and the City in clearing up future nuisance court hassles, will encourage people to pay other warrants while getting the free one cleared, and will go a way, to help the city achieve one less backlog in law enforcement.