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**HOT CHECK WRITERS HAVE ONLY 3 MORE DAYS TO PAY
AND AVOID PUBLICATION OF THEIR NAMES**

On Sunday May 27, 2007, the Paso Police Department, the 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. Individuals wanting to avoid the publication of their names in the newspaper must pay all amounts due by Friday May 11, 2007.

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.

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

Since last Monday when the program was announced the El Paso County Attorney's Office has received more than \$34,000 in payments from hot check writers.

Individuals who do not pay their outstanding dues 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.

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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