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**HOT CHECKS WARRANTS LIST AVAILABLE
OVER THE INTERNET**

El Paso County Attorney José Rodríguez announced today there are currently more than 5,800 names in the county's hot checks warrants list. The list is available from any computer with internet access by visiting the El Paso County web page: www.epcounty.com.

The Hot Check Unit of the El Paso County Attorney's Office offers merchants and individuals free collection services of the face amount of the hot check and an additional fee of \$30 for the benefit of the payee; they also prosecute hot check writers in court.

It is estimated that currently hot check writers owe local businesses more than \$4.5 million dollars. Just during the first 7 months of fiscal year 2007 this office has collected more than \$916,305 dollars in restitution and fees to local merchants.