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**HOT CHECK WRITERS ARRESTED DURING EARLY  
MORNING ROUNDUP**

On Tuesday October 21, 2008 officers from the El Paso Sheriff Department, the County Attorney's Office, Texas DPS Troopers, and County Constables conducted an early warrant round up against individuals with outstanding hot checks.

Several teams went out today targeting nearly 100 fugitives and after 6 hours on the field, the officers arrested 15 fugitives who were booked into the County jail.

With today's round up, the County Attorney's Office collected an additional \$6,291 for local merchants. That amount, along with the \$114,538 that were collected since the beginning of the amnesty period on October 3, 2008, bringing the total collection to more than \$121,000.

The roundups are not over. In the upcoming days, more officers will continue their search for individuals with outstanding arrest warrants for writing hot checks.

Individuals with outstanding hot-checks may attempt to avoid arrest in upcoming roundups by paying as soon as possible. However, the amnesty period is over, and law enforcement officers can conduct arrests at any time without prior notice.

To make payments individuals need to go to the El Paso County Attorney's Office, 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the County Courthouse, 500 E. San Antonio, Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Forms of payment accepted include most credit cards, money orders, cashiers checks, and cash, however those paying cash would have to bring the exact amount (cashiers can't give change).

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 will remain posted in the El Paso County web site at: [www.epcounty.com/CA](http://www.epcounty.com/CA).

Resident with no access to a computer can look up their names by picking up one of more than 10,000 free copies of the printed warrants list that have been distributed throughout El Paso County at the following locations:

- El Paso Police Headquarters                    911 N. Raynor                                    El Paso, TX 79903
- EPP Central Regional Command            200 S. Campbell St.                            El Paso, TX 79901
- EPP Mission Valley Command            9011 Escobar Dr.                                El Paso, TX 79907
- EPP Northeast Regional Command        9600 Dyer St.                                    El Paso, TX 79924
- EPP Pebble Hills Command                10780 Pebble Hills                              El Paso, TX 79935
- EPP Westside Regional Command        4801 Osborne Dr.                                Paso, Texas 79922
  
- El Paso County Sheriff's Office Vinton Substation                                    436A E. Vinton Road
- El Paso County Sheriff's Office Headquarters    3850 Justice Drive
  
- Justice of the Peace #2 (Northeast)                                    4641 Cohen, Suite A
- Justice of the Peace #1 (West-side)                                    424 Executive Center Suite 100
  
- Anthony Police Department                                    401 Wildcat Dr, Anthony TX
- Horizon Police Dept.    14999 Darrington Rd. Horizon City, TX
- Socorro Police Dept.    800 N Rio Vista Rd. Socorro, TX
  
- Vista Foods Supermarket                                    121 N. Kenazo
- Vista Foods Supermarket Central                                    2231 N. Zaragosa
- Vista Foods Supermarket Montana Vista                                    14700 Montana
  
- La Feria Grocery and Market                                    502 S Mesa St., El Paso, TX
- La Feria Supermarket Anthony                                    317 Main St, Anthony TX
  
- Mr. Payroll Check Cashing                                    4426 Dyer St
  
- All five Quality Food Marts in El Paso
  
- All six Melek locations in El Paso

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