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## **Child Support Bench Warrant Program Continues**

**Santa Fe** – Today marks the mid-way point for the child support bench warrant amnesty period. Last week Governor Susana Martinez rolled out the new child support bench warrant program in Bernalillo, Sandoval, and Valencia Counties.

All non-custodial parents with bench warrants for failure to pay outstanding child support have been granted an amnesty period that will run through close of business on Thursday of this week. During this amnesty period, these individuals can come to the Child Support Enforcement Division (CSED) offices in Albuquerque, Los Lunas, or Rio Rancho, without fear of arrest, to settle their bench warrants and bring themselves into compliance with their court ordered child support obligations. Persons having a warrant for their arrest are required to pay the full amount of the bond in order to have their outstanding warrant cancelled. The CSED offices will accept cash, cashier's check, or money order as payment.

The names of all non-custodial parents who do not resolve their bench warrants during this amnesty period will be submitted to law enforcement in the three counties, as well as the State Police. These agencies will then conduct bench warrant round-ups to locate and take into custody these individuals.

For more information visit our website at <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/>. Individuals having questions may contact CSED toll free at: 1-800-288-7207 in-state or 1-800-585-7631 out-of-state.

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