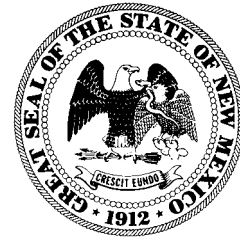




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Governor Richardson and Chief Justice Bosson Announce Joint Summit on DWI

Summit Aimed at Reducing Alarming Rate of DWI Dismissals

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson and Chief Justice Richard Bosson have agreed to a summit between the Governor, Judges and integral members of the Criminal Justice System to identify solutions aimed at decreasing the dismissal rate of DWI cases in New Mexico's Courts. The summit will take place on Saturday, January 15, 2005 at the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Courthouse and will also include law enforcement, members of the District Attorneys Association, the Chief Public Defender as well as local government officials and Anti-DWI advocates.

"It is important that all members of the criminal justice system participate in this summit and provide constructive solutions that minimize the DWI dismissal rates in this state" said Governor Richardson. "I want each participant to understand their responsibility to our citizens in the adjudication of DWI cases and to know that they are accountable for their actions if the system breaks down."

"This summit on DWI is an opportunity for the Courts, the District Attorneys, Public Defenders and Law Enforcement to improve the handling of DWI cases Statewide," said Chief Justice Bosson. "I look forward to solutions that empower the Judiciary and other members of the criminal justice system to handle DWI cases on time and on the merits".

Topics to be discussed at the Summit are expected to include additional judgeships statewide, staffing needs, streamlined DWI dockets, contempt authority and law enforcement reporting and attendance.