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Governor Bill Richardson Orders NM Corrections Department to Perform NCIC Checks on All Probationers and Parolees

SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson today directed the New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD) to perform computer checks on all convicted felons on parole and probation. The checks will be performed through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) computer system which indicates when a person has any outstanding criminal arrest warrants or other pending law enforcement requests to detain.

“We must do everything possible to make sure wanted offenders are apprehended and brought to justice,” said Governor Richardson. “This will help keep people safe, protect our communities, and ensure that accused criminals will have to answer for any crimes.”

Effective Tuesday (March 28) the Corrections Department will check all offenders on parole for current nationwide Wants and Warrants through the NCIC system. The Governor has also directed Corrections Secretary Joe Williams and Department of Public Safety Secretary John Denko to put into place the resources necessary to make this information available to each Probation & Parole Officer state-wide.

Each offender that reports to a probation and parole office will be checked on the NCIC system for Wants & Warrants. Any offenders found to have outstanding warrants or wants will be taken into custody and turned over to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

The state is requesting additional authorization from the Federal Bureau of Investigation which will allow probation and parole offices to increase the number of certified NCIC

operators in statewide offices. This expanded authorization will give offices the capability to check probationers as well as parolees.

Governor Richardson also asked all New Mexicans to pause tomorrow in honor of slain Bernalillo County Sheriff's Deputy James McGrane who was killed last week in the line of duty.

"The state is working with all law enforcement agencies to do everything possible to keep all our officers, and the public as safe as possible," added the Governor.

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