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## **Governor Bill Richardson Appoints San Miguel County Sheriff Chris Najjar as San Miguel County Magistrate**

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today announced the appointment of Chris Najjar to serve as Magistrate Judge for San Miguel County's Division 2.

"Chris Najjar's commitment to law and order is unquestionable," said Governor Richardson. "His more than 30 years experience in law enforcement, including service as Sheriff of San Miguel County, gives him the skills to make an excellent Magistrate."

Najar lives in Las Vegas, is a graduate of Capitan High School and attended New Mexico Highlands University. From January 1997 to present Najjar has served as San Miguel County Sheriff. He previously was employed as a senior special agent with the Human Services Department's Office of Inspector General and a child support enforcement officer with the Child Support Enforcement Division. He is also a former Lieutenant with the Las Vegas Police Department.

Najar replaces the retired Judge Leo E. Gonzales. He stands for election in 2006.

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