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### BENCH WARRANT RELIEF DAY

Santa Cruz County Criminal Justice Partners (CJP), including the Office of the Public Defender, District Attorney's Office, Probation Department, and Superior Court, are collaborating to help community members who have an active bench warrant get back on track to start off their New Year.

The justice system is complex and can lead to confusion and miscommunication for those individuals who find themselves navigating the process or who are placed on community supervision. Many warrants are issued as a result of technical violations due to breakdowns in communication. Despite the different roles, all Criminal Justice Partners share the same goal of public safety for each member of our diverse community.

This month, local agencies are coming together to provide an opportunity to possibly have your warrant recalled and get connected to community resources. **The free bench warrant relief day will be held on January 27, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Luna y Sol Family Center, located at 15 Madison Street in Watsonville.**

For more information, or to see if you are eligible in advance, you may call or email the Santa Cruz County Office of the Public Defender: (831) 345-7813,

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