Recommendation Submission

CPC -This response is in reference to recommendation #__23-3____ CPC -Area Command __SE____ CPC -Referenced CASA area (A,B,C,D,E): __B____ APD -Responsible SME: _____ APD -Date received __7/11/23_____

RECOMMENDATION (One (1) recommendation per submission. Recommendation/Reasoning must be 500 words or less for submission):

Hello:

The SECPC would like to make a Recommendation that helps APD and the City of Albuquerque weed its way out of the backlog of Misdemeanor Warrants it finds itself under at this time. Our understanding from Lt. Ray del Greco is that the city currently has a backlog of over 60,000 warrants. Our recommendation is to coordinate through APD with the Courthouse and other City agencies, a period of amnesty, maybe a week (or even a month), designated far in advance, in which any citizen of the City can have one misdemeanor warrant expunged without any payment or penalty. This is good for only one warrant, and it must be a Misdemeanor. Citizen with more than one outstanding warrant will be responsible for all others.

We should advertise this week, far in advance, through all available channels, including the City websites, billboards and paid options, in order to achieve as much market penetration as possible. The citizens effected should be told that if they have outstanding felony warrants, they may be liable for arrest at the courthouse.

We at the SECPC feel that this measure would go a long way in fostering goodwill between APD, the court system and the City in clearing up future nuisance court hassles, will encourage people to pay other warrants while getting the free one cleared, and will go a way, to help the city achieve one less backlog in law enforcement.