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SUBJECT: Warrant work-out program scheduled for May 5th

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## Warrant Work-out program scheduled for May 5

The criminal justice community is coming together for a unique opportunity to help individuals find resolution to outstanding warrants for criminal and non criminal infractions. On Wednesday, May 5, 2010 from 1:00 to 3:30 PM, individuals with outstanding warrants can get help at the St. Louis County Courthouse in Duluth. There is no guarantee that all warrants can be quashed but legal experts will be available to address questions and guide individuals through the court process in a timely and fair manner.

Warrant Workout is a new concept that brings together all of the key entities (courts, criminal defense attorneys, probation, and prosecutors) to address outstanding warrants. This is a proactive outreach program with the goal of resolving cases so individuals can move on with their lives.

A Warrant Work-out hotline, (218) 730-5600, has been established for individuals to call and leave their name and date of birth prior to May 5<sup>th</sup>. Attorneys and judges will research case files and provide expedient resolution at the court appearance. Messages left on the hotline will be kept confidential. All questions can be addressed during the court appearance. Signs will be posted directing the public to the Warrant Work-out court rooms.

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