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MEDIA ADVISORY

HIDALGO COUNTY TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE AMNESTY PROGRAM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014

Edinburg, Texas – Hidalgo County officials will hold a press conference to inform the public on the implementation of the Hidalgo County Amnesty Program. The press conference is scheduled for **Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 10:30 am at the Hidalgo County Courthouse Auditorium (100 N. Clossner Blvd., Edinburg)**. Scheduled to be in attendance at the meeting are District Attorney Rene Guerra, County Justices of the Peace and County Constables.

On January 1, 2014, Hidalgo County began a 60-day amnesty program, giving individuals who owe outstanding fines and fees or have outstanding warrants for traffic citations in Justice of the Peace (JP) courts the opportunity to reconcile these matters before the County initiates the statewide Warrant Roundup in March 2014.

The purpose of the Amnesty Program is to encourage persons with outstanding fines, fees and warrants to resolve their offenses; the program will also assist the District Attorney and Justices of the Peace with eliminating some of these outstanding cases from their dockets. During the Amnesty Program period, the District Attorney and the Justices of the Peace will consider leniency on pending matters in JP courts. The Amnesty Program will run through March 2, 2014.

County officials encourage all residents to take advantage of the Amnesty Period in advance of the upcoming Warrant Round Up. Residents should first determine whether they owe any outstanding JP fines and fees by visiting www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/scofflaw. Individuals with outstanding matters can choose to either pay in full online by credit card, or visit the presiding Justice of the Peace court office and/or the District Attorney Hot Check Division to take advantage of the Amnesty Program.

All media are encouraged to attend.

DETAILS:

What: Amnesty Program Press Conference

When: Thursday, January 16, 2014
10:30 am

Where: Hidalgo County Courthouse Auditorium
100 N Clossner Blvd., Edinburg, Texas

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