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Atlantic/Cape May Vicinage to Hold Community Safe Surrender

The Atlantic/Cape May Vicinage will sponsor A Fresh Start, a community safe surrender event, on Friday, Dec. 7 to help individuals with outstanding bench warrants resolve their matters.

The event will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Beacon Church, 420 S. 6th Ave, Galloway.

Outstanding bench warrants for most municipal and Superior Court matters, such as traffic, criminal, child support and juvenile complaints originating in Cape May and Atlantic counties, will be addressed. Judiciary staff will work with individuals, who will not be taken into custody, to schedule court appearances to resolve their cases. Spanish interpreters will be available.

Participants with outstanding matters in Galloway Township Municipal Court will be able to see a judge that day. Participants will be given proof of attendance to take to any out-of-county municipalities.

Representatives from local social services and public agencies will be available for the following services in addition to legal, housing and veteran's assistance:

- HOPE ONE van
- mental health and substance abuse treatment
- New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission

Judiciary staff will be available with information on Criminal Justice Reform, Recovery Court, Municipal Court, and other Judiciary programs and services.

Free transportation will be provided by the Coalition for a Safe Community to and from Beacon Church at the following locations at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.: Stanley Holmes Community Room, 1539 Adriatic Ave., Atlantic City; Zion Lutheran Church, 312 Philadelphia Ave., Egg Harbor City; Ralph Peterson Community Center at New Hope, 300 Woodland Ave., Pleasantville.

Participants also can speak to any NJ Transit police officer or Volunteers of America employee to arrange for transportation.

Government identification such as a driver's license, photo identification, school identification or a birth certificate will be required.