



## BENCH WARRANT RESOLUTION EVENT

Fifth Circuit Solicitor's Office

If you missed a court date in General Sessions Court in Richland County and have an active bench warrant for FAILURE TO APPEAR then please consider attending our Bench Warrant Resolution event.

The event is held in the community in a safe and welcoming environment. There is no risk of jail and no judges will be present. An attorney from the Public Defender's office will be present to assist you with any legal questions about the event or the process going forward.

The Solicitor's office will have a representative present to review the status of your bench warrant or any active case you may have in General Sessions. Any bench warrant for a non-violent offense in General Sessions will be vacated.

Family Court will also have a staff member present to assist with Child Support bench warrants and discuss possible resolutions.

The focus of the event is to get people back on track and toward a resolution of their criminal and/or Family Court cases. You do not need to be fearful of detention or custody at this event for any non-violent or Family Court bench warrants. No arrests will be made.

Our office has held events in September 2021 and December 2021. Over seventy people were able to resolve their bench warrants and get back on track.

If you have a bench warrant on a violent case or any other inquiries on this event then please contact the Public Defender directly at 803-765-2592 and tell them you have a question about the bench warrant event.

**Next event: April 12-14, 2022 from 3pm-6pm at the ML Smith Community Center located at 5213 Farrow Road, Columbia, SC 29203**