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**More than 2,000 Turn Themselves in at Franklin County Safe Surrender Program**

More than 2,000 citizens with active warrants turned themselves in this week during Franklin County's first Safe Surrender Program. The focus of the program was to provide an opportunity for those who had outstanding warrants on nonviolent criminal misdemeanors and traffic offenses to turn themselves in for favorable consideration, to clear their warrants, resolve their cases and reinstate their driver's licenses. Additionally, this program served to unburden our justice system by reducing the number of active and pending cases.

During the two and one-half day program, Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-six (2,466) warrants were set aside and cases addressed. "Now thousands of people in our community will have improved employment opportunities and be able to get back on their feet," said Lori M. Tyack, Clerk of the Franklin County Municipal Court.

"This was a major collaborative effort at every level of government. In addition, our local clergy, media, and other community partners played an important role in getting the word out to the public. The program's success is a result of government agencies and community leaders working together to create a safer environment for everyone," said Lori M. Tyack.