



media alert

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TO: Media covering the 3rd Judicial District (Huerfano and Las Animas counties)
FROM: Rob McCallum, Public Information Officer
RE: Court and probation operations resume

Huerfano County court begins interim operations at Walsenburg City Hall *Probation clients required to call 719-846-6020 to check in*

WALSENBURG, Colo. – Individuals with a court date in Huerfano County on Monday, March 14, are required to report to city council chambers in Walsenburg City Hall (525 S. Albert Ave.) on Monday, March 14. Anyone with an appearance scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, through Friday, March 18, is required to appear on Friday, March 18, in city council chambers. Specific questions regarding court scheduling can be addressed by calling 719-738-1040.

Probation services meetings are not being held at Walsenburg City Hall. Probation clients are required to call 719-846-6020 for further instructions on appointments.

Court and probation operations were suspended at the courthouse on Monday, March 7, out of concern for public and court staff safety while entering or exiting the building. Large sections of rock have broken loose and fallen from the courthouse.

Local and state court officials are working with the county to identify alternative locations to hold court and provide probation services both in the short and long term.

The Colorado Judicial Department continues to evaluate the condition of the existing courthouse and will return to Huerfano County on Monday for further investigation. The state anticipates release of an inspection report on Monday, March 14, following the return inspection visit.