

**Transcript of phone call to Ridgcrest Superior Court on 12/26/2017;
Clerk describes “Abuse of Process” by Kern County District Attorney:**

1:17: Clerk answers phone. Asks for case number. I give her case #RM045118C.

2:24: Clerk informs me there is a warrant for my arrest.

3:04: I explain we showed up for our arraignment but we weren't on the calendar. I requested a way to correspond with the judge in order to get my warrant **quashed** (*made void*). Clerk states that the only way I can get the warrant lifted is if I appear in court.

5:13: Clerk confirms that a complaint was filed by the D.A., then 2 days later the warrant was issued.

5:45: I ask the clerk if it is the D.A.'s responsibly to contact the court to get us on the calendar. Clerk confirms.

6:34: I ask the clerk if the D.A. contacted the court to put us on the calendar. Clerk states that the D.A. filed a complaint to issue the arrest warrant on August 10, 2016, and that was the first time the D.A. contacted the court regarding this case.

7:00: I ask the clerk for a copy of the complaint..

9:30: Clerk informs me I can get a copy of the complaint after I appear to my arraignment, and that it will be included in the discovery.

10:20: I explain to clerk that I'm out of state, and I'm concerned if I return I'll be arrested for the arrest warrant and have my vehicle impounded. I again request a way to contact the judge to explain the situation and request to get the warrant quashed so I can return to the state without the risk of being arrested.

12:21: Clerk explains that the D.A. filed a complaint on Aug 10, 2016, then the arrest warrant was issued Aug. 12.

12:30: Clerk explains that “normally” when people come to court with a ticket that shows a court date, but they aren't on the calendar because the case wasn't filed, they tell individuals to come in once a week to check in, so the court can let them know if the citation has been filed or not. The clerk explains that if you check in once/week and you catch it when it gets filed, you have a “2 day grace period” to address the issue, but *if you don't* an arrest warrant is automatically issued.

16:09: I request an email address from the clerk so I can receive copy of all correspondences the D.A. has made with the court regarding my case.

16:53: The **clerk** tells me her name is **Armanda Echevarria**, then transfers me to the records clerk.

17:43: **Records Clerk “Jody”** answers. I request a copy of correspondence between the D.A. and court. Jody explains that in order to get a copy I have to come in for arraignment.

24:30: Jody informs me that I can go into any police department or sheriff in any state and request a new court date.