

Norman R. Wheeler for District Attorney: A Response to Mr. Renteria's Untruthful Ad

Norman Wheeler is on the ballot in Grant, Luna and Hidalgo Counties for the position of 6th Judicial District Attorney. Mr. Wheeler has prosecuted narcotics cases resulting in felony convictions of the defendant(s) and a sentence on each matter of time to be served at the New Mexico Corrections Department. Mr. Wheeler has also worked with federal agencies and the United States Attorney's Office in moving a Grant County charged case to the United States District Court for federal prosecution.

Norm Wheeler has made joint or unopposed plea agreements to the District Court in the 6th District to reach a sentencing agreement for a defendant or defendant(s) wherein the sentence of the case shall include a substance abuse treatment program that must be successfully completed by defendant(s). On occasion these case(s) may be Grant County Drug Court Programs, Grant County DWI, Pre-Trial Services and Adult Probation and Parole Services to aid defendants in their recovery from drug and/or substance abuse. Mr. Wheeler acknowledges many times, the increase in property crimes, domestic violence, and child abuse stems from drug use and its abuse.

Norm Wheeler has worked with law enforcement agencies in the preparation of search warrants, seizures of narcotics and discussed a possible recommendation to the Court of suggested sentence with the particular charging agency prior to submission of a plea toward Judgment and Sentence.

Mr. Wheeler has also spoken to several community boards discussing matters of concern in Grant County and New Mexico including youth substance abuse and opioid issues, and has participated in many community events with the Silver City Police Officer's Association/Fraternal Order of Police such as Trunk or Treats, Officer William Lara's benefit raffle, and other events.

This letter cites many of the duties carried out by Mr. Wheeler as a prosecutor and includes his participation in activities on local community boards.

I believe Norman Wheeler intends to continue to see to it that crimes are charged when evidence has been received through proper law enforcement efforts and with supporting facts beyond a reasonable doubt. Based on my experience with him I believe Mr. Wheeler will follow through on these matters and watch with care. He will do his best to see victims receive justice as your District Attorney.

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