



# **THE DAY AFTER PRISON**

## REENTRY SERVICES

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# QUASHING A BENCH WARRANT



How to get a bench warrant quashed when you have no money  
to hire an attorney.

1. Determine if you have an assigned public defender or if you qualify for a public defender in the jurisdiction that issued your bench warrant. This will allow you to access professional assistance.

You can find a list of public defenders in Washington State by county below.





2. Check if you qualify for free or low-cost services through a legal-aid organization. These organizations can provide assistance in such situations.

You can find a directory of legal-aid organizations in Washington State below.



3. If you haven't found any results through steps 1 and 2, and you're still handling the situation on your own, directly contact the court that issued your bench warrant. Inquire about their procedures for warrant quashing or ask if you qualify to be scheduled on a warrant quashing calendar. It's important not to miss any scheduled hearings if you are given the chance, as you may not get another opportunity.

You can access a PDF listing of Washington State Courts below.



Also: Contact Civil Survival at [CivilSurvival.org](https://CivilSurvival.org) for information and support with legal needs. Civil Survival is led by and serves formerly incarcerated individuals.