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**No Automobile Repossession in New Mexico until Public Health Emergency is Over.**

**St. Michaels, Navajo Nation (ARIZ)** – The Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission, in partnership with Feferman, Warren and Mattison Law Firm, would like to clarify information regarding automobile repossession in New Mexico under the current “Public Health Emergency Order Closing All businesses and Non-Profit Entities Except for those Deemed Essential and Providing Additional Restrictions on Mass Gatherings Due to COVID-19.”

According to the New Mexico Governor’s Office, automobile repossession is deemed a nonessential business during this time and does not meet the requirements of an essential service outlined in the public health emergency order. This means there should be no automobile repossession of any kind during this public health emergency. Once the Governor or President of the United States lifts the public health order(s), all non-essential businesses will reopen. This would include automobile repossession.

If you have experienced automobile repossession during the public health emergency order (from March 23, 2020) in New Mexico, please contact the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission at their temporary office number at (505) 422-3189.

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