

New Mexico Case Law

♦ *State v. Nemeth*, 130 N.M. 261, 23 P.3d 936 (2001): Community caretaker exception applied where officers investigating a possible suicide attempt entered the home without a warrant, as the entry did not involve a criminal investigation, but was motivated solely to check on defendant's welfare.

♦ *State v. Ryon*, 137 N.M. 174, 108 P.3d 1032 (2005): Emergency assistance doctrine did not support warrantless entry because officers were engaged in crime-solving activities rather than responding to an emergency, where they arrived at a home where there had been a stabbing, then went to defendant's home, found the door ajar, and entered looking for defendant because he had a possible head injury. Officers lacked the required objective reasonableness in that they had only generalized information that defendant might be inside and might have sustained a head injury, and should have conducted some minimal investigation to corroborate their suspicions.

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