6-04/020.00 Civil Bench Warrant

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A person may not be arrested and imprisoned for a civil debt or tort. However, a person is subject to arrest for disobeying a court order or subpoena.

CCP 501 A person may not be imprisoned in a civil action for debt or tort, whether before or after judgment. Nothing in this section affects any power a court may have to imprison a person who violates a court order.

CAL CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 1 Sec. 10 Witnesses may not be unreasonably detained. A person may not be imprisoned in a civil action for debt or tort, or in peacetime for a militia fine.
