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San Diego Superior Court Prepares for Pre-2009 Infraction Amnesty

Beginning January 1st, the San Diego Superior Court will join the 57 other California Superior Courts in granting amnesty on the unpaid amount due on traffic-related bail and fines imposed more than three years ago.

The one-time amnesty program, which the State Legislature created through the passage of Vehicle Code (VC) § 42008.7, allows anyone with an unpaid infraction dating from January 2009 or earlier to pay that ticket off in the first six months of 2012 (1/01/12 – 6/30/12) for only half the fine amount.

The law was created as an incentive for people to resolve infraction-related delinquencies and help the state close a funding gap.

In San Diego, the amnesty program will allow defendants with eligible violations to pay the court or the court's collection agency (AllianceOne) 50% of the balance due to the court on or before 1/1/2009, for full satisfaction of their debt.

Violations are eligible for amnesty only if all of the following requirements are met:

- The violation is an infraction filed with the court.
- The due date for payment of the fine or bail was on or before January 1, 2009

AND no payments/appearances have been made since 1/1/2009.

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- The defendant does not owe victim restitution on any case within the county.
- There are no outstanding misdemeanor or felony warrants for the defendant within the county.

The San Diego Superior Court will require that each defendant complete and sign an “Amnesty Affidavit” to be eligible for the program. The affidavit is a declaration, under penalty of perjury, that the defendant is eligible for amnesty and meets the criteria under VC § 42008.7.

The amnesty also applies to non- driving vehicle code violations such as jaywalking and non-payment of mass transit fares. For more information on the pre-2009 Infraction Amnesty Program, please see the San Diego Superior Court website at sdcourt.ca.gov.

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