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## San Diego Superior Court Offers Jurors Complimentary WiFi Access

San Diegans reporting for jury duty at the San Diego Superior Court will now have the ability to access wireless internet in the court's jury lounge at no charge. The San Diego Superior Court has implemented the new program in a continuing effort to enhance the experience of jury service.

"Citizen participation is the lifeblood of our judicial system. It is our goal to make that participation as good of an experience as possible. More and more jurors are bringing their laptops or other portable devices to the court and asking for access to the internet while waiting to serve on a jury. We are happy to be able now to meet that need," says Presiding Judge Kevin A. Enright.

Court staff has created WiFi "HotSpots" at the Superior Court's four jury lounges located in downtown San Diego, Chula Vista, El Cajon and Vista. Jurors with a valid juror badge number and a court-provided password can now launch internet access.

Celeste Schwartz, the Court's Chief Information Officer says, "We understand when jurors are here to serve on jury duty that their time is valuable. Being able to provide jurors a way to be productive by accessing their email, completing written work, or conducting online research while they're waiting to be called to a courtroom can make a big difference in their jury experience."

The WiFi program began the week of January 25<sup>th</sup>.