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State to Discount Old Unpaid Traffic Tickets

California Superior Courts in all 58 counties are offering a 50% off discount on some old unpaid traffic tickets. It's a limited time "Amnesty Program" for certain outstanding court debt. More than 6 million cases statewide could qualify.

"This is a win-win," according to Ron Overholt, Interim Administrative Director of the Courts. "People have a chance to clear up what they owe to the court at a discount, plus the court and the counties desperately need the money. We hope people will take advantage of this money saving offer."

The program begins January 1, 2012 and ends June 30, 2012.

Only traffic tickets that were due to be paid prior to January 1, 2009 are eligible. Parking tickets, driving under the influence (DUI), and reckless driving cases are NOT eligible.

To qualify for the 50% discount, all of the following conditions must be met:

- ✓ You have an outstanding traffic case that was due to be paid in full prior to January 1, 2009;
- ✓ You either failed to appear in court, or failed to pay in full;
- ✓ The last date you made a payment was on or before January 1, 2009;
- ✓ You don't owe restitution to a victim on any case within the county where the traffic case was filed;
- ✓ You have no outstanding misdemeanor or felony warrants within the county where the traffic case was filed.

Other eligibility requirements may vary from county to county.

After January 1, 2012, contact the Superior Court where the violation occurred for further details. Court locations are listed at: <http://www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm>.

Additional information on the Amnesty may be found at the California Courts website:
<http://www.courts.ca.gov/partners/941.htm>

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