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New Service: E-PAY TRAFFIC TICKETS

Efficiency and Budget Savings Anticipated

Drivers who get traffic tickets in San Joaquin County can now pay their fines and bail by credit card on the internet. Both MasterCard and Visa will be accepted, starting today. This new service will be a convenience and a money saver for both the Court and its customers.

“Taking care of traffic tickets electronically from your home or office will save many trips to the courthouse,” according to Court Executive Officer Jeanne Millsaps. “It’s easy to do, very user-friendly. Plus, our staff will be able to handle the tickets more efficiently, which will result in better Court service at lower cost.”

San Joaquin is the 9th county in California to offer this convenience. So far, about 5% of traffic tickets in those areas are paid on-line, estimated at almost 200,000 customers.

About 7,000 traffic infractions are logged each month in San Joaquin County. About 500 each month are paid by telephone with credit cards. “The telephone line will still be available,” Millsaps says, “but paying tickets on the internet will be much easier and quicker for users.” The number is (209) 468-2926. MasterCard and Visa are also accepted at the counters in Stockton, Tracy, and Lodi courts.

The traffic ticket section is on the Court’s web site www.stocktoncourt.org. Credit card payments will be through a secure connection. There is an additional credit card fee on a sliding scale starting at \$3.50.

This new internet feature for the San Joaquin Superior Court was partially funded by a grant from the Administrative Office of the Courts as part an ongoing effort by the California Judicial Branch to modernize court administration and improve the quality of justice and service to the public.

The California Courts’ Online Self-Help Center has a detailed guide to traffic issues at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/traffic. This site provides useful information on traffic issues, including frequently asked questions, online forms, the California Vehicle Code, information on pending traffic-related legislation, links to local courts, and other helpful sites.