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### **Los Angeles Municipal Court Approves the First Internet Traffic School**

Los Angeles – Presiding Judge Mel Red Recana will introduce a new way of attending traffic school on the World Wide Web at a 10 a.m. news conference today. Judge Recana will announce the approval of The OnLine Interactive Home Study Program, the first online traffic school to be approved for use by a court in the United States.

“This new approach to traffic school offers our customers another option, one that is in the forefront of the technology available today,” Judge Recana said.

The program will only be available to citizens who receive a traffic citation in the area of Los Angeles County served by the Los Angeles municipal Court (LAMC). This area includes courthouses in San Pedro, West Los Angeles, Van Nuys, San Fernando and downtown Los Angeles.

The Online Home Study Program is the third home study program to gain LAMC’S approval as an alternative to the traditional way of attending traffic school. Judge Stephen Marcus is the chair of the Court’s Alternate Sentencing Committee that is responsible for reviewing and approving alternatives to traditional sentencing.

“One key factor that led to the approval of the program curriculum was that it has built safeguards that guarantee that people will read and absorb the material to pass the test,” Judge Marcus said.

Students will be able to register from their own computer by simply accessing the web site and faxing or mailing in an enrollment form with payment of \$34. Once the company receives and processes payment, the student receives a personal access number which enables them to log onto the comprehensive manual and begin the course. There are multiple versions of the curriculum and they will be changed at least once every 60 days, thus somewhat eliminating the capability for students to copy answers. Like traditional traffic school, the course is eight hours. The advantage of this program is that students can learn the material in the comfort of their own homes and if necessary can divide the eight hours to fit into their daily activities.

Once the test is completed, they mail the printed copy of the answers to The Online Home Study Program no less than ten business days before the court due date. The test is corrected and the completed certificate is mailed to the Court and the individual also receives an E-mail with the corrected test information.

Marc Lawrence of Online Interactive Home Study Program said, “We believe that our program provides a real educational experience to traffic violators. We provide the most current information about traffic laws and we have the ability to update that information almost on a daily basis. Our users will receive the most comprehensive material available.”