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SANTA CLARA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT RE-OPENS TRAFFIC NIGHT COURT TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2007

Effective Date: February 13, 2007

Location: Traffic Courthouse, 935 Ruff Drive, San Jose, CA

Services: Traffic Court will be open to the public for all business transactions until 7:00 PM, Monday through Thursday, closing at 4:00 PM on Fridays. The Court will hear Arraignment calendars (excluding trials) on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

The Clerk's Office, which currently closes at 4:00 PM, will remain open to the public until 7:00 PM, Monday through Thursdays, closing at 4:00 PM on Fridays. Court sessions will be held two nights per week, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings beginning at 6:00 PM.

The Court is also implementing "Walk-in" Arraignment sessions (no trials) to be held on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, as well as same-day hearing services (currently set at a maximum of 25 matters) for persons who appear in the Clerk's Office prior to the cut-off time of 4:00 PM. These matters will be added to the 6:00 PM arraignment calendars scheduled for that same day.

Night Court will be available to defendants whose cases are filed in the North and South County Courthouses as well as those whose cases are filed at the Traffic Courthouse. The reinstatement of Night Court and the extended Clerk's Office hours will allow greater flexibility for those members of the public who need to do business with the Court but whose schedules preclude them from appearing at the Court during normal business hours.

If you have any questions please call Carl Schulhof, Public Information Officer at 408-882-2856 for further information.