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**Office of Traffic Safety Awards \$500,000 Grant to the San Mateo County Superior Court for Dedicated Impaired Driving Court Program**

**Redwood City, Calif.** – The San Mateo County Superior Court announced today that it has received a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to maintain its Multiple Driving Under the Influence (MDUI) Court specializing in monitoring and rehabilitation services. The grant program runs through September 2025.

This grant will fund key existing services, including employing a dedicated probation officer to supervise participants, providing subsidies for continuous alcohol monitoring and enrollment in the Multiple Offender Program, as well as staffing a dedicated bilingual case manager from Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to connect clients with treatment.

The grant focuses on high-risk individuals with multiple driving under the influence (DUI) convictions by offering a comprehensive monitoring program that provides the guidance and help needed to reduce repeat DUI offenses. The program has helped 949 DUI offenders since its launch seven years ago.

“Intervention programs are key to fostering a safer and more supportive community,” said OTS Director Barbara Rooney. “By providing specialized resources and focused attention, this program will help reduce impaired driving incidents and create safer roads for all.”

The MDUI Court partners with health care treatment, social services, and other community-based organizations to develop an effective course of treatment for participants through a combination of judicial supervision and other supportive services. This transformative program is made possible by a collaborative partnership between the San Mateo County Superior Court and San Mateo County partner agencies, including the District Attorney’s Office, Private Defender Program, Probation Department, and Behavioral Health and Recovery Services.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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