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NEWS RELEASE

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Beginning January 1, 2012 individuals with outstanding traffic violations, non-traffic violations, and eligible misdemeanor vehicle code violations may qualify for a 50% discount on eligible court fines. The Superior Court of Humboldt County and the County of Humboldt are participating in the 2012 Statewide Court Fine Amnesty Program, which is authorized by the State of California. This program will run until June 30, 2012.

Individuals who qualify for the 50% discount must meet all of the following criteria:

- The citation or case is filed with the court.
- The case had a pay or appear date on or before January 1, 2009.
- Must not have made a payment on the case after January 1, 2009.
- Case must not have any additional fines, fees, penalties, or assessments imposed after January 1, 2009.
- Must not owe victim restitution on any case within the County of Humboldt.
- No outstanding misdemeanor or felony warrants within the County of Humboldt.
- The violation does not involve a DUI or reckless driving.
- Parking Violations are not eligible for amnesty.

The California Legislature mandated through Assembly Bill 1358, (Stats. 2011, ch 662) the amendment of Vehicle Code § 42008.7. The statute authorizes and sets the general guidelines for a one-time mandatory amnesty program in each county for bail and fine vehicle code and non-vehicle code infractions meeting eligibility requirements. The bill also allows, upon Court and County agreement, a one-time optional amnesty program for qualifying Vehicle Code misdemeanors excluding driving under the influence and reckless driving cases. Humboldt County is participating in the optional misdemeanor program.

The intent of the one-time amnesty program is to assist individuals who have found themselves in violation of a court ordered obligation due to a lack of ability to pay for a specified misdemeanor fine or infraction. The amnesty program provides a win-win opportunity for State and local governments to generate much needed revenue while granting individuals the opportunity to clear their record of long standing debt at a reduced rate.

Private citizens with further questions should contact Humboldt County Revenue Recovery at (707) 476-2398 or go to www.humcofines.com.