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“NEW ORLEANS TRAFFIC COURT RESUMES IN ORLEANS PARISH—AND CONTINUES w/SATELLITE OPERATIONS IN BATON ROUGE”

The judges of Traffic Court of New Orleans – Dennis Dannel, Robert Jones, Paul Bonin and Ronald Sholes – are pleased to announce that Traffic Court has resumed operations in Orleans Parish as of Monday, October 10, 2005, at the historic Algiers Courthouse on Morgan Street.

“Returning to New Orleans has been a priority for all four Traffic Court judges since Katrina struck,” says senior judge Dennis Dannel. “And the Algiers location makes sense, since we have always held some of our sessions here anyway.”

Effective Monday, October 10, the four divisions of Traffic Court have convened on alternating weekdays from 9:00am-5:00pm on the second floor of the Algiers Courthouse, located at 225 Morgan Street. New Orleans motorists who wish to schedule an appearance in Algiers or to discuss an outstanding violation may call (504) 364-4060. Motorists may also contact the Algiers office to discuss questions about the status of their driver’s license, DWI cases or any other pending matters. Says judge Paul Bonin, “We understand that some of our citizens are relocating and possibly looking for employment, so they might need to clear up any outstanding matters regarding their driving record...and we want to help them.”

After Hurricane Katrina caused flooding damage and knocked out power to the Traffic and Municipal Court Building at 727 South Broad, the judges of Traffic Court relocated operations to the Baton Rouge City Court building located at 232 St. Louis Street. Any motorists from New Orleans who have not yet returned home may continue to bring their cases to the Baton Rouge satellite office at City Court (Room 121B) or they may call (225) 389-8421 to schedule an appearance or an appointment.

Motorists who wish to mail their payment for an outstanding violation may send their check or money order (no cash, please) to either location:

TRAFFIC COURT OF NEW ORLEANS
225 MORGAN STREET
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70114

-or-

TRAFFIC COURT OF NEW ORLEANS
P.O. BOX 5259
BATON ROUGE, LA 70821