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**Sacramento Superior Court Receives Grant Funding to Implement a Pilot DUI Treatment Court**

The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has awarded the Sacramento Superior Court a year-long grant in the amount of \$313,000 to start a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Treatment Court, for high-risk, repeat offenders who are assessed as having substance use issues. The goals of the program are to keep communities safe and to reduce recidivism amongst DUI repeat offenders that will lead to a decrease in alcohol-related collisions, injuries, and fatalities. The program will strive to change the offenders' thinking and behaviors around substance use and will hold them accountable by offering treatment, supervision, frequent and random alcohol and drug testing and regular court appearances.

The grant funding permits the Court to allocate resources towards court staffing, probation supervision, case management services, and alcohol and drug testing. The DUI Treatment Court is further supported in partnership with Sacramento County's District Attorney's Office, Probation Department, Office of the Public Defender, Behavioral Health Division, Alcohol and Drug Services, and Sheriff's Department.

The program was implemented on November 3, 2017 and is expected to serve 50 offenders in the pilot year.

Judge Paul Seave, who presides over the DUI Treatment Court said, "Those who drink and drive risk the lives of everyone around them. Combining treatment and punishment is the most effective way of ending the dangerous conduct of many of these offenders. Sacramento's DUI Treatment Court is dedicated to using proven treatment programs to make life safer on the roads of our county."