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Supreme Court Receives Grant for Statewide Electronic Search Warrant Program from Governor's Office of Highway Safety

PHOENIX – The Arizona Supreme Court has received \$92,891 in grant funds from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) to sustain its participation in the statewide Electronic Search Warrant Program, a key initiative addressing impaired driving in Arizona.

Under the GOHS Impaired Driving Program, the Electronic Search Warrant Program provides expedited processing of search warrants for local law enforcement and blood alcohol concentration test results with greater accuracy. While Arizona's citizens and communities continue to suffer the consequences of impaired driving, this project marks an important advancement in public safety through enhanced accountability for violators.

The Impaired Driving Program allows for search warrants and affidavits to be exchanged electronically and securely between law enforcement and the Maricopa County Superior Court's Initial Appearance court, which operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Impaired Driving Program attempts to reduce alcohol- and drug-related deaths and injuries by increasing enforcement, education, and public awareness. The Superior Court in Maricopa County authorizes digital search warrants for law enforcement across the state through an online warrant program for blood draws on individuals suspected of driving under the influence. Since its inception, 110 law enforcement agencies around Arizona have enrolled in the program. During the grant period, 87 agencies across the state participated in the Electronic Blood Draw Warrant Program, with 8,817 individual applications for eWarrants.

The Electronic Search Warrant arm of the Impaired Driving Program applies to vehicular offenses, including driving under the influence, vehicle-related homicide, vehicle-related aggravated assault, vehicle-related endangerment, and other vehicle-related offenses.

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