

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of: )  
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USE OF AN EXPERIMENTAL )  
PROCEDURE FOR INTERACTIVE )  
VIDEO TESTIMONY )  
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Administrative Order  
No. 2003- 55

The Honorable Robert R. Moon, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Mohave County, has requested that a procedure permitting the interactive video testimony of citing officers in civil traffic hearings be permitted. This procedure would be experimental due to the fact that the Civil Traffic Rules of Procedure do not specifically authorize interactive video testimony. The experiment is requested due to the financial and resource hardship caused by having officers travel significant distances to be present and provide testimony in the Moccasin Justice Court. This procedure will reduce officer travel time and create greater efficiency in processing civil traffic cases.

Therefore, after due consideration,

IT IS ORDERED that the following experimental procedure permitting the interactive video appearance of citing officers in Civil Traffic matters be implemented for use in the Moccasin Justice Court:

Upon request of the citing officer in a civil traffic matter, the court may permit the officer to appear by video, subject to the following:

1. The video appearance must be facilitated through live “real time” interactive video and audio such that the defendant and the court can see and question the officer.
2. The video appearance must be supplemented with two-way fax or other document transfer capability in order to facilitate discovery pursuant to Civil Traffic Rule 13.
3. The officer’s video appearance must be included in and made a part of the record required by Civil Traffic Rule 20.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this experiment be conducted for a period of six months and a report be filed with the Arizona Judicial Council by December 1, 2003.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003.

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CHARLES E. JONES  
Chief Justice