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County of Siskiyou
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Rita Koven
Court Manager

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 11, 2007

TO: CRIMINAL CLERKS

FROM: LAURA J. MASUNAGA

JM

**SUBJECT: STANDING ORDER RE: 14601.1(a) VC AND REDUCTION TO
AN INFRACTION PER OFFER OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

Pursuant to open offer of the District Attorney's Office, see attached letter dated June 4, 2007, if the defendant charged with a VC §14601.1(a) only, shows proof of a valid license from the Department of Motor Vehicles at time of initial arraignment or first pretrial, the Court will order the offense reduced to an infraction pursuant to PC §19.8, impose a fine and the court security fee.

CC: Kaster Dixon
Davis
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**COUNTY OF SISKIYOU
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

J. KIRK ANDRUS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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June 4, 2007

The Honorable Laura Masunaga
Siskiyou County Superior Court
311 Fourth St., Room
Yreka, CA 96097

Re: Defendants w/ Pending Charges of Vehicle Code Section 14601.1(a).

Dear Judge Masunaga:

As you are aware charges of violation of Vehicle Code Section 14601.1(a) may be reduced to infractions pursuant to Penal Code Section 19.8. This is to inform the court of an open offer from our office to all defendants charged with this violation at the misdemeanor level. If they produce proof from DMV that they have cleared their license of all suspensions at arraignment or no later than the first pre-trial conference, then our office will motion to reduce the charge to an infraction. If a representative of our office is not present, then we request that the court reduce the charge under these circumstances.

This open offer does not apply to defendants who are charged with any priors, or violations of VC 14601(a), 14601.2 (a) or (b), and 14601.5(a).

We hope that this will encourage people to pay fines due and otherwise perfect their license status with DMV. Request that the court inform defendants of this opportunity at the arraignments or at other times as appropriate.

Respectfully,

Martha Aker

Martha Aker
Deputy District Attorney
Acting Misdemeanor Supervisor