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## ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT INCREASES PROTECTION OF VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**Oakland, California:** Presiding Judge (elect) George Hernandez announced at today's grand opening celebration of the Alameda County Family Justice Center in Oakland that beginning last Monday, August 29th, all domestic violence, civil harassment, and elder abuse restraining and protective orders issued in Alameda County are now automatically and instantaneously transmitted to local and statewide law enforcement officials for immediate enforceability and protection. Culminating a two-year effort led by a team of judicial officers and the Office of Information Technology, the orders are digitally scanned, registered, and disseminated by court staff through the California Law Enforcement Telecommunication System (CLETS). Presiding Judge Barbara Miller credited Judge Dan Grimmer and the court's executive officer for marshaling the needed resources, "So as to ensure for the first time that the court's orders are placed in the hands of all law enforcement officers at the earliest possible moment to afford victims the protection they need." Judge Jon Tigar, chair of the Technology Committee, emphasized, "We are very proud of our Office of Technology's achievement in this area. The seamless integration of seven different case management and telecommunication systems at the local and state level required enormous effort and expertise."

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