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SUBJECT: Amnesty Day to be held on Oct. 19 for the Joplin Municipal Court

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Because the Joplin Municipal Court recognizes the difficulties many citizens may have in meeting their obligations with the Municipal Court, it will hold an *Amnesty Day* on **Friday, October 19, 2012**. Warrant Fees and Failure to Appear Fees will be waived for anyone wishing to turn themselves in on warrants on this day at the Municipal Court, **303 East 3rd Street**. The Amnesty Day hours are from **8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** **This program is for Joplin Municipal City warrants only.**

“The City understands that someone may have missed a court date or let a ticket lapse,” said Lamonte Ratcliff, Court Administrator. “Hosting an Amnesty Day allows people the opportunity to take care of cases without the fear of being arrested. It’s a way to work within their budget and be productive for both the citizens we serve and the City.”

Ratcliff also noted that when warrants are issued, the individual’s driver’s license is suspended. During this program, the Court will lift suspensions on those offenders whose licenses are suspended through the Municipal Court, so they can get their licenses reinstated.

“Providing assistance with license suspensions can be very beneficial for the citizen, and is offered to give additional support to those participating in the Amnesty Day,” said Ratcliff.

Persons wanting to learn if they have an outstanding warrant can call 417-623-3131, ext. 230 to inquire or check on-line at www.joplinmo.org/warrants