

# Frenzied start for Calif. traffic ticket amnesty program

By Lee Romney, Los Angeles Times Heavy equipment mechanic Fredrick Jefferson said it was when a supervisor fired him that he learned his driver's license had been revoked because of unpaid traffic fines.

Over the next year and a half, the "snowball effect" caused his relationship to crumble and he wound up homeless, scraping by on a \$221 monthly general relief check.

With add-on penalties, his total fines swelled to \$5,000.

Thanks to a sweeping traffic ticket amnesty that took effect Oct. 1, Jefferson now is on a payment plan of \$1 per month – an amount that will increase once he lands a job. Last week, he got his license back.

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