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## COURT HEARS NEARLY 300 CASES FOR VETERANS AND THE HOMELESS

**SAN BERNARDINO, CA**—The Shelter and Veterans Treatment Courts heard nearly 300 cases on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at the annual [Veterans Stand Down and Homeless Resource Event](#) held at Perris Hill Park in San Bernardino.

Shelter Court Judge Ingrid A. Uhler and Veterans Treatment Court Commissioner Carrie Halgrimson, along with their courtroom staff and Self-help services, and, in collaboration with the District Attorney's Office, Office of the Public Defender, Conflict Panel Attorneys, Sheriff's Department, and Probation Department, heard cases from 147 veterans and the homeless, totaling 298 individual matters involving felony, misdemeanor and infraction offenses.

Courts often serve as a center of social justice and see many individuals who are in crisis. Problem-solving Courts, such as Shelter Court and Veterans Treatment Court, serve as a key tool in responding to the legal barriers that people experiencing homelessness, substance use and other disorders often face—similar to [California's CARE Court](#) which will commence in late 2024. Offering alternatives to traditional plea structures and coordinating rehabilitative services to better lives, problem-solving courts acknowledge the efforts made by individuals. Some alternatives to sentencing include, but are not limited to, taking classes on life skills and computer skills, literacy, career training, medical care, post-plea programs with probation terms, community supervision, and attending chemical dependency classes such as AA/NA meetings and counseling services.

Shelter Court is held on the fourth Friday of each month, January through October, at the Rancho Cucamonga Courthouse located at 8303 Haven Avenue, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730. The October session will be held at the outdoor patio on Friday, October 28, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

The [Veterans Stand Down and Homeless Resource Event](#) is hosted every year by the Reaching New Heights Foundation to support Inland Empire veterans and the homeless with much-needed resources.

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