

## **Restitution Enforcement Court Superior Court Maricopa County**

**Program Start Date:** 2008

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**Criminal Justice Partners:** Probation officers, victims' advocates, and judges

**Information:** Arizona is a state which has a very strong tradition of victim's rights. Victims in Arizona under the Arizona Constitution, Article II, Section 2.1 A(8) are "entitled to receive prompt restitution from the person or persons convicted of the criminal conduct that caused the victim's loss or injury." In Maricopa County (Phoenix, Arizona), the Adult Probation Department has a Financial Compliance Unit dedicated to collect delinquent restitution. The Superior Court created a dedicated calendar to enforce delinquent restitution payment through civil contempt. The Restitution Enforcement Court has collected approximately \$500,000 in delinquent payments from 2009 through 2011. The Maricopa County Finance Department has a dedicated department, County Collections, that collects delinquent restitution through the enforcement of Restitution Liens, and Restitutions Orders which have been filed in the Records Office against real estate, with Motor Vehicle Department as a lien on vehicles and Secretary of State as liens on personal property. Through these coordinated efforts, victims in Maricopa County have an increased opportunity to receive prompt restitution.

### **Evaluation/Research:**

[http://www.victimsofcrime.org/docs/Report/2011\\_RestitutionReport\\_3-MaricopaEnforcementCourt.pdf?sfvrsn=0](http://www.victimsofcrime.org/docs/Report/2011_RestitutionReport_3-MaricopaEnforcementCourt.pdf?sfvrsn=0)