

Dover New Hampshire Police Department

Legal Bureau

Defendant Information

TYPICAL FINES FOR FIRST TIME TRAFFIC OFFENSES/VIOLATIONS

- Operating After Suspension \$250.00 + Penalty Assessment
- Illegal Possession of Alcohol \$300.00 + Penalty Assessment + Possible License Loss
- Possession of Tobacco by Minor **Fine \$25.00-\$100.00
- Driving While Intoxicated **Fine \$500.00 + Penalty Assessment 9 Months License Revocation
- Transportation of Alcohol **Fine is \$150.00 + Penalty Assessment + Possible License Loss
- Open Container (driver) **Fine is \$150.00 + Penalty Assessment + Possible License Loss
- Open Container in Public **Fine is \$100.00

PAYING FINE/COMMUNITY SERVICE

The court requires immediate payment of all fines upon a guilty plea or where found guilty after trial.

In most cases the Court will allow defendants to perform community service at the rate of ten dollars deducted from the fine for each hour worked. You may request the judge to permit community service when a fine is imposed.

DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR FIRST TIME TRAFFIC OFFENDERS

You may request that you be considered for diversion if you are a first time offender.

Example. If you have been given a summons for speeding, and have no motor vehicle record, you can place a call to the prosecutor, to ask if he would agree to place the summons on file for a period of 6 months or 1 year, on condition you attend the Safe Driver Course. The Safe Driver Course costing \$50.00 is a six to eight hour course that teaches defensive and safe driving tactics. If you complete the Safe Driver Course, within the allotted time, the summons will remain on file, upon the condition you have no new motor vehicle summonses within the agreed upon good behavior period. By completing this course, rather than receiving a conviction on your motor vehicle record, your insurance premiums most likely will not be affected.

CONTINUANCES

Please call to request a continuance at least one week prior to the Court date. If you are representing yourself, you are required to file a written request with the Court.

DISCUSSION OF CASE

If you are representing yourself and you wish to discuss what the recommended sentence is, if you do not contest the charge, please call.