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Going To Court To Beat A Speeding Ticket

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So you find yourself with a slip of paper that contains both a dollar amount and a date. It's the

dreaded speeding ticket. You look at it and realize that you have two choices. You can pay the fine and subject yourself to the possibility of higher insurance premiums or you can plead "not guilty" and appear in court.

Depending on how fast you were going over the legal, posted speed limit, it might be wise to consult with a traffic ticket specialist. However, many people are ticketed when their speed is over the limit, but not dramatically. These people would do well to save the money associated with an expert and take the matter into their own hands.

It seems daunting to imagine going into court without a lawyer or someone familiar with the ins and outs of speeding tickets. All the average citizen needs to do is research traffic laws and come prepared with whatever materials they feel will help them fight the citation.

It's important to note that when you do have a court appearance often the officer who issued the ticket will be there to testify as well. If you admitted speeding to him or her, your defense becomes that much more difficult. Admitting guilt of speeding is accepting the guilt. If you've done that your best remedy will probably be to pay the fine. You could try and explain your speeding a couple of different ways. One is that you have to increase your speed because of someone else's careless driving. For instance, if someone is right behind you driving fast and you become concerned that they are going to hit you, you might increase your speed to avoid that. This defense is probably not going to work but if it what happened, than sharing it with the judge is important. Another could be road conditions. If there was something on the road, you might have sped up to pass it, or to avoid it. Again, this is difficult to prove and a judge might be skeptical.

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If you weren't able to see the posted speed because the sign was either covered by some foliage or perhaps knocked over, there are important steps you need to take before you go to court. As soon as possible after you have been ticketed, you need to take pictures of the sign in the same condition you saw it in. It's crucial that this be done quickly. Having that type of evidence to show the judge, will allow him or her to see that although you were going over the posted limit, not having knowledge of that limit might have played a role in your infraction.

Taking the issue of your speeding ticket to court involves being prepared. Bring any notes or pictures that you have taken since that day. Be ready to take the witness stand and tell the truth in regard to what transpired when you received your speeding ticket. Also, be of the mind that although you've put time and effort into your own defense, you might still have to pay the fine as it was administered to you initially.

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) which contains many articles and resources

on beating speeding tickets at (

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information on dozens of other topics.

How To Avoid Getting A Speeding Ticket

By Jackson Jones

When you're driving on a highway, remember to stay within a group of other cars. This makes it much more difficult for a police officer to pick you off, as you aren't speeding in front of everyone.

Be aware of your surroundings. Remember to scan the road ahead of you, looking for any places where a police officer could be hiding.

Make sure you know the speed limit of the area you're driving in. Keep a look out for any traffic signs that tell you the current speed limit.

Always keep your car in good condition. For example, if you have a tail light out, you are going to be noticed much easier by a police officer, as they are looking out for these kinds of things. Make sure you spend the few dollars it costs to keep your car in good repair.

If you do get stopped by a police officer, always be polite. If you are rude in any way they will have

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something else against you. Also, try not to volunteer too much information. Obviously you have to answer his questions, but don't add to much...just answer the question.

The first question the police officer will most likely ask you is if you know why you have been stopped. At this point, you have three options to choose from.

Firstly, you can completely admit that you were speeding. The officer would appreciate this, as this is what he wants. The officer may let you off with just a warning.

The down side to answering in this way is that if you're given a speeding ticket, and admitted that you were speeding then it can and will be used against you in the court. The police officer will be taking notes on everything you say to him, so if you feel that you will definitely get a speeding ticket then you should avoid directly admit to the police officer that you were speeding.

The second option you have is to deny that you were speeding. Keep in mind that this approach is going to create some tension between you and the police officer. If you don't have a good argument to prove to the police officer that you weren't speeding, he will still give you a ticket.

The upside to this, however, is if you deny speeding, you have a better chance of beating the ticket when it goes to court, because you denied speeding from the outset.

The third option you have is to neither admit nor deny the fact you were speeding. Often this approach will work best. When you are stopped and asked if you know why you were stopped act as if you don't know why. When he tells you that you were speeding, tell the officer in a calm and respectful force that you just didn't notice...and give a plausible excuse.

Find out more on how to beat your speeding ticket at the following site:

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