

Nikki B. Haley,

My name is Hailey Price. I am a 23 year old mother of two. I am reaching out to you for some help on a legal situation that I have been dealing with since, 08/31/2014. I strongly believe in the law & criminals facing punishment for their crimes but in my situation I feel the punishment is unfair and only hurting my family in major ways to where I am having to receive assistance from government assistance programs instead of being able to work & give back. I am a good mother & person with no criminal history or traffic violations until, 08/31/14. I hope that you or someone in the State house will take the time to read my letter, understand my situation and in some way help or point me in a helpful direction.

On 08/31/2014 I was headed home from the grocery store in the town of South Congaree. As I turned out of the Food Lion parking lot in Congaree a regular car was behind me and I noticed a police car behind the vehicle that was behind the vehicle I was driving. The police put on his blue lights and sped around the car behind me. I then realized I was being pulled over so I turned into the elementary school parking lot. Before I continue with my story of this day I would like to inform you that I was going through a financial hardship due to losing my job because of a complicated pregnancy. My husband's income is all we had. I called my insurance company on 8/25/14 to see when our deadline was to pay our car insurance & the agent said everything was fine as long as it was payed by 09/10/2014. Now

- Continuing with my story of being
- pulled over on 8/31/14 when the
- officer came to my window he asked
- for my; license, proof of insurance &
- registration and said that I was
- pulled over for an expired vehicle tag
- which was true. I handed him my
- license but could not find my insurance
- card, he also went through the
- vehicle, with my permission to help
- me find the insurance card, but we
- could not find it. I gave him my
- insurance companies name (Nationwide)
- & telephone number. Officer, Jones went
- back to his car to check the information
- & came back & told me the car did not
- have insurance. I could not believe
- what he told me, the car belongs to
- my husband but I personally called
- nationwide a few days prior to make
- sure the vehicle had insurance. Officer
- Jones ended up writing me two
- tickets; Ticket # 208666V Oper. Allow
- Operation of Uninsured vehicle and
- \$520.92

Ticket # 208665GV, Vehicle License Violation \$148.06. He told me the car would have to be towed to the police station and that he would take me home. He then searched the vehicle and put me in the back of his patrol car. While he was finishing up at the scene my husband happened to be riding down, Pine Street, where I was pulled over and he pulled in to see what was going on. As soon as my husband pulled in officer Jonas asked him for his I.D and explained to him the situation. My husband was under the impression that we would have car insurance until 09/01/2014 and he was also away from home when I went to the store, he did not know or allow me to drive to the store. After Jonas ran his license he then gave my husband a citation of \$520.92 for allowing operation of uninsured vehicle (#20867GV). With my husband having the only income

at the time and having bills to keep us in a home and a child to take care of with now over \$1,000 in tickets we were put in a rough situation. My husband was a delivery driver and had to maintain a clear driving record while employed to keep his position. Shortly after the incident he lost his job, we lost our home and were left with no choice but to move in with my mother. Our court hearing for the tickets was on, 10/08/2014 and with not having money for an attorney or even money for our tickets the judge ruled that we needed to have our fines payed in thirty days, which would be hard if not impossible being 8mo. pregnant with no transportation. We were unable to meet the deadline but did not receive further notice until issued letters by the DMV on 03/03/2015

or there would be \$100.00 reinstatement fee along with suspension of license. Our only hope of clearing this accidental debt and getting our life back in order was paying the fines with our income taxes so that we could start driving our vehicle again without having to worry.

On 03/17/2015 I recieved my taxes.

On 03/18/2015 I opened up a liability auto insurance policy with USAA. I

was told that everything was good to go, just pay my fines before the 23rd so that my license would not be

suspended. On 03/20/2015 I went to the South Congaree Town Hall and

payed both of my fines. I recieved two proofs of payment from town hall

to take to the DMV so that my license would not be suspended. After leaving

the town hall I went to the Lexington DMV and turned in both proofs

of payment along with the two letters sent to me from the DMV on

03/03/2015 saying I had until the 23rd of March 2015, to pay. The lady looked over my papers then printed me a letter that was dated back to, 10/23/2014 saying that my license was suspended on 11/07/2014 for Uninsured Motorist with ticket # 2086667V. Which was the same ticket number on the mailed letter I recieved from the DMV saying I had until 03/23/2015 to pay. The violations on the letters were worded different but with the same meaning. The letter I recieved by mail stated if payed on or after 03/23/15 it would be \$100 reinstatement fee and the letter the lady printed at the DMV said I owed a \$550 reinstatement fee, plus SR-22 for three years. I do not understand why I now have two letters from the DMV for the same ticket but with different penalties and suspension dates. I looked up the SC law and according

to the law and DMV website
a uninsured non-owner should
recieve a 30 day Suspension with
~~\$1000~~ reinstatement fee. If the
owner is driving uninsured then
\$550 reinstatement fee. I have never
been the owner of the vehicle I
was driving, my name is not on the
title, nor would I ever knowingly
drive without insurance. I feel my
punishment is a little harsh and
more of a major set back in life
than a lesson learned. I do not like
having to stay home living off the
Government to get by. I want to
be able to work and give back to
my community. If I have to pay an
additional \$550 with SR-22 for
three years ill be living off government
funds for years. I have no income or
other source of transportation. All

and be able to drive a gain to find a job, have a way to work, get my children where they need to be and provide for them without assistance. If any further information is needed or copies of paper work please feel free to call me, Hailey @ 803-404-2394 or email @ Haileynprice529@yahoo.com or respond via letter to 346D Railroad Ave., Lexington, SC 29072.

Thank You,
Hailey Price