

To Whom it may Concern'

Feb 10, 2015

The honorable NIKKI R. HALEY

I am writing you in regards to the unjust enhancement sentencing guidelines in Richland county S.C. This should be a huge concern for the people of S.C., Therefore a concern for the Governor. The unfair practices continuously Overburden and Overcast the citizens of South Carolina. These practices continue to deny people of fair and due process. I am currently on probation for shoplifting, A five year suspended to 18 months of probation. This is extreme sentencing for a 30 day non-violent misdemeanor offense. By investigators adding this enhancement clause to the charge of misdemeanor shoplifting, it causes an overload of bed space in our county facilities, therefore taking away bedspace for the violent offenders in South Carolina. I have now been incarcerated at Alvin S. Glenn det. Center for 4 months. I am requesting that the governors office make an inquiry into these unfair Sentencing Guidelines. A 30 day charge taking up this kind of time and man hours of the Solicitors office that was being handled in our states magistrate Courts is not cost effective, not mentioning the injustice it brings upon the defendant.

WARRANT Number I thank you for your serious  
# 2014 A4021602441 inquiry into this matter, and look forward  
to your immediate response.

Thank-you

Gary L. Edwards



# UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKET

CITY OR COUNTY OF Columbia VERSUS

FIRST NAME Gary MIDDLE NAME Lamar LAST NAME Edward

STREET AND NO. 1211 Lyon St CITY Columbia STATE SC ZIP CODE 29204

STATE LICENSED DRIVER'S LICENSE NO. SC CDL  YES  NO DRI. LIC. CLASS

VEH. LIC. NO. STATE MAKE OF VEH YEAR COMM. VEH. AUTO 16 PSGR. VEH. COMB. HAZ. MT. MOPED MTRCYCL. OTHER

## YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE TRIAL COURT

NAME OF TRIAL COURT City Court STREET AND NO. 811 Washington

DATE OF TRIAL 12/1/2014 TIME OF TRIAL 8:00 AM CITY Columbia STATE SC ZIP CODE 29201

VIOLATION - COURT APPEARANCE REQUIRED YES NO Shoepifting VIOLATION SECTION NO. 16-13-110

OWNER OF VEHICLE Shoepifting DATE OF ARREST 10/10/2014

ADDRESS OF OWNER DATE OF VIOLATION 10/10/2014

BAIL DEPOSITED None NAME OF ARRESTING OFFICER JM Seay RANK PT

PRESENT THIS SUMMONS TO THE TRIAL COURT SHOWN ABOVE

Be sure you understand from the arresting officer the exact time and before whom you are to appear. IF THIS TICKET IS WRITTEN FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION AND YOU FORFEIT BAIL, PLEAD GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE, OR ARE CONVICTED AFTER A TRIAL, THIS VIOLATION WILL BE PLACED AGAINST YOUR DRIVING RECORD, OR FORWARDED TO YOUR HOME STATE. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF THIS SUMMONS MAY RESULT IN THE SUSPENSION OF YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE BY YOUR HOME STATE. YOU ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO APPEAR IN COURT FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES.

COUNTY	<u>Richland</u>	NUMBER	<u>70</u>
BADGE	<u>23659</u>	TROOP	
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WEATHER	<u>PM</u>		
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AND	<u>Taylor</u>		
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OFFENSE CODE	<u>97</u>	B.A. LEVEL	

DOCKET NO.

SEE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS TICKET

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VIOLATOR'S COPY

"EVIDENCE"  
Vehicle \$2000

## NOTICE

THE PRIMARY AIM OF TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT IS TO REDUCE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, INJURIES AND DEATHS THROUGH FAIR, IMPARTIAL, AND REASONABLE ENFORCEMENT OF TRAFFIC LAWS.

You must settle the case hereby made against you in one of three ways.

- 1) You must appear in court at the appointed time with your South Carolina drivers license if indicated in the violation block on the front side of this summons.
- 2) You may post a cash bond with the appropriate Trial Court prior to the assigned date of trial. If you decide to mail in your bond rather than go to the office, MAIL MONEY ORDER, CASHIER'S CHECK OR CERTIFIED CHECK DIRECTLY TO THE TRIAL COURT OFFICE BEFORE WHOM YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR. The Trial Court name and address is shown on the front side of this summons. DO NOT MAIL CASH OR PERSONAL CHECK. Be sure to enclose with the bond the arresting officer's name and the summons number.
- 3) If a court appearance is not mandatory, you may pay your fine online with a credit card for citations issued in participating counties.  
Go to <http://www.sc.gov/pages/courtpayments.aspx> to determine if online payments are available in the county the citation was issued.
- 4) You may appear in court on the assigned date and time and have a trial conducted by the Trial Judge.

THE POSTING OF BOND BEFORE YOUR ASSIGNED TRIAL DATE IN NO WAY AFFECTS YOUR RIGHT TO HAVE A FAIR TRIAL BY THE JUDGE OR, IF YOU MAKE A WRITTEN REQUEST BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED TRIAL, BY JURY.

However, if you are NOT required to appear in court on the assigned trial date and have previously posted bond and do not appear on the trial date, your bond may be forfeited unless the judge has agreed to have your case heard at another time.

If you fail to post bond or personally appear in court on the assigned trial date, your home state's Motor Vehicle Division will be notified to suspend your license until you have cleared this matter with the trial court. Additionally, a willful failure to appear or post bond is punishable as a separate offense by a fine of up to \$200.00 or imprisonment of up to 30 days.