

**IN THE STATE COURT OF FORSYTH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

INTERNAL OPERATING PROCEDURE No. 99 - 10

Re: Accident Cases

ORDER

The Court having issued a standing order regarding accident cases on January 13, 1998, and it being determined that I.O.P. should be issued, the standing order is hereby rescinded and replaced with the following order.

In the following types of cases, which are misdemeanors for prosecution by the Solicitor General of Forsyth County, it is hereby ordered that the Solicitor General shall, at her earliest convenience, review the facts of each case to determine whether a base fine of \$60.00, plus surcharges, upon a plea of guilty, would be an appropriate sentence. Upon such affirmative determination, the Solicitor shall forward the citations with a notation authorizing payment to the Clerk of State Court. The clerk shall then be authorized to accept the recommended fine amount and sign ticket.

The types of cases for which this procedure will apply are as follows:

1. Following too closely resulting in an accident.
2. Failure to yield the right of way resulting in an accident.
3. Obedience to and required traffic control devices resulting in an accident.
4. Passing in a no passing zone resulting in an accident.
5. Stop signs and yield signs with regard resulting in an accident.
6. Too fast for conditions resulting in an accident.
7. Improper backing.
8. Improper standing or stopping.
9. Stop or yield with or without regard.
10. Failure to maintain lane.

In the event the Solicitor has reviewed an accident case as defined herein and has approved it to be paid through the clerk's office pursuant to this order; and in the event the defendant fails to appear on the assigned date for arraignment, the Clerk of Court shall treat such a case in the same manner as TVB cases and issue a DPS - 912 form. In the event the defendant later comes to pay the fine, court costs of \$50.00 plus surcharges shall be assessed in the same manner as all TVB cases.

So ORDERED, this 5th day of November, 1999.

Jeffrey S. Bagley
Judge, State Court of Forsyth County