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#### **Special Alert - DHSMV Warns Of Traffic Citation Scam ~ Consumers targeted for payment of fraudulent citations ~**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) is warning consumers that they may be targeted by a company representing itself as the DHSMV demanding payment for fraudulent citations. The company, which is not associated with the DHSMV in any way, will send emails to consumers requesting payment of a citation within a certain time frame and if the payment is not received on time, the company will falsely require a daily late fee payment.

The email (see image below) sent to consumers includes a linked payment page and email address. While the linked payment page appears to be inactive at this time, the DHSMV is warning consumers that this is a scam and no payment should be made. If a consumer has made a payment, they should refute the charge and take the appropriate security measures with their financial institution.

Consumers should note the following:

- The DHSMV and Clerks of Court do not email citations to customers;
- The DHSMV and Clerks of Court do not require citation payment via email;
- Citation numbers are always seven alpha-numeric digits;

If you receive a notice regarding a suspicious citation, you should contact the local Clerk of Court or call the DHSMV immediately.

#### **Below is an example of the email:**

Von: FL TrafficDiv <[citations@fltrafficgov.online](mailto:citations@fltrafficgov.online)>  
Datum: 16. Dezember 2016 um 20:57:27 MEZ  
An: Undisclosed recipients;  
Betreff: URGENT: Florida Traffic Citation - #458545



**Florida Traffic Division**  
**Citation # 458545**

You have 3 days to pay this traffic citation or your driver's license may be suspended, and a \$50.00 late fee will be assessed every 3 days until citation balance is fully paid.

1. ILLEGAL RIGHT TURN ON RED LIGHT - INTERSECTION OF LEJUENE ROAD/42nd AVE and 17th ST, MIAMI, FL November 2016

**CITATION AMOUNT - \$78.00**

HOW TO PAY  
1. [CLICK HERE TO PAY CITATION SECURELY ONLINE](#)

Once payment is made, Confirmation e-mail will be sent within 24-48 hours. Contact us at [citations@fltrafficgov.online](mailto:citations@fltrafficgov.online) if you have any questions.