

*Getting a minor traffic ticket can be a little intimidating. We strive to make the court process simple to understand and a convenient, efficient way of handling large volumes of minor citations. I hope that this brochure helps explain and de-mystify the workings of traffic court.*

*Efficiency is important, but our primary focus will always be driver safety. There's no higher goal of traffic enforcement than the safety of all members of our community. That is why we have instituted Traffic School requirements for young drivers.*

*Young drivers are especially vulnerable to death and injury on our roadways – traffic crashes are their leading cause of death. Mile for mile, young drivers are involved in three times as many fatal crashes as all other drivers. Driving school is one way to improve the safety of young drivers and save lives.*

*Buckle up & Stay Safe,*

*Maureen Krueger  
Moore County  
District Attorney*

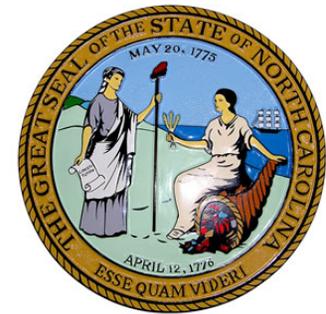
Maureen Krueger  
Moore County District Attorney  
PO Box 429  
Carthage, NC 28327

---

MOORE COUNTY  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
19D PROSECUTORIAL DISTRICT

MAUREEN H. KRUEGER  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

---



**Citizen's Guide to:  
TRAFFIC COURT**

# - Buckle Up - Pay Attention - Slow Down - Stay Sober -

## TRAFFIC COURT

Most traffic cases are handled in Administrative Court. It is designed to efficiently handle large volumes of minor traffic tickets. It is an opportunity to discuss and negotiate your case directly with a member of the District Attorney's Office.

Cases are handled on a first-come, first serve basis. There is a sign-in sheet outside the courtroom. Court runs from 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM

Payment of fines and court costs is required on the day of court. Late payments may result in additional fees and/or the suspension of your driver's license. Payment is made to the Clerk of Court by cash or money order.

Some tickets can be "paid off" before court. You can pay through the Clerk's office or online at [www.payNCticket.org](http://www.payNCticket.org)

Continuances are limited. Only the District Attorney's Office can continue a case. You must call before your court date to request a continuance. Do not call the Clerk's office for a continuance.

## LEGAL REPRESENTATION

You have the right to legal representation. Private attorneys often handle cases in Administrative Court and can typically waive the client's right to appear.

## YOUR RIGHT TO A TRIAL

You have the right to a trial. If you know that you want a trial, please call the District Attorney's Office before your court date and request a continuance to a trial date. Your case should be rescheduled for the officer's regular court date. There are no trials in Administrative Court. Officers do not attend Administrative Court.

## COMPLIANCE MATTERS

Many types of traffic citations are issued because the driver or the vehicle is not in compliance with certain requirements. The objective of the citation is to encourage compliance. Generally, once there is proof of compliance, the citation may be dismissed without a court appearance and without the payment of court costs. Proof of compliance may be made by bringing or faxing the appropriate documentation to the District Attorney's Office before the court date.

**Typical Compliance Matters**  
**Expired Registration or Inspection**  
**Improper Equipment**  
**Fail to Carry License**  
**Fail to Sign Registration Card**  
**Fail to Notify DMV Address Change**  
**Fail to Comply with License Restrictions**  
**No Operator's License**  
**No Insurance**  
**Child Restraint Violations**  
**Accidents**  
**Motorcycle Helmet**

## TRAFFIC SCHOOL

Young drivers (under 21 years old and not deployed with military) may be required to attend Alive at 25 driving school in order to be eligible for a reduction in their charge.

The Alive at 25 driving school is offered through Sandhills Community College.

Referrals to Traffic School can be made in one of two ways. First, the young driver can appear in court on the assigned court date and ask the District Attorney or Assistant District Attorney for a referral. Upon receiving the referral, the young driver will need to report back to court on the next assigned court date with proof of completion and any necessary court costs or fines. Second, the young driver may be referred to one of the Traffic Schools through a defense attorney.

## WEB RESOURCES

[WWW.NCCOURTS.ORG](http://WWW.NCCOURTS.ORG) - look up court date & general court information  
[WWW.NCDOT.ORG/DMV](http://WWW.NCDOT.ORG/DMV) - obtain copy of driving history  
[www.payNCticket.org](http://www.payNCticket.org) - to pay off ticket  
[www.ncdoi.com](http://www.ncdoi.com) - insurance points information

District Attorney's Office is located at:  
101-A Monroe Street  
Carthage, North Carolina 28327  
(910) 722-5010 main number  
(910) 722-5011 facsimile