



***Tuscaloosa Police Department***

# Media Release

**To:** All Local Media

**From:** Sgt. Brent Blankley

**Date:** July 1, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## **Red Light Photo Enforcement System**

The Tuscaloosa Police Department is pleased to announce that new state of the art red light photo enforcement systems are currently being installed at problem intersections within the Tuscaloosa City Limits. A red light camera system has already been installed at 15<sup>th</sup> St. and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave E (Dr. Edward Hillard Dr.) Other cameras will be installed at problem intersections in the future but camera locations and dates have not yet been finalized.

The red light camera will be activated on **August 1<sup>st</sup> 2013**. During the month of August only warning tickets will be mailed to violators so that citizens of Tuscaloosa are aware of the camera. On **September 1<sup>st</sup> 2013** any violator who runs a red light at a location where the cameras are placed will receive a ticket in the mail. The ticket will be mailed to the address of the owner of the vehicle and it is the responsibility of the owner of that vehicle to pay the fine. A Tuscaloosa Police Officer will view any violation and determine if a citation will be issued. The fine for a red light violation is \$110.00. When a person receives the notice of violation in the mail they can review the violation by going to [www.viewcitation.com](http://www.viewcitation.com) and entering a citation number and a PIN number that is provided on the ticket. This will allow a person to watch a video of the violation. All instructions for paying the fine will be on the ticket. A red light ticket is a civil fine and will not impact a person's insurance rates or add points on a persons' drivers license. Once payment is made of the civil fine it will constitute the final disposition on the matter.

The objectives of red light cameras are to make the City of Tuscaloosa a safer place to drive and to deter violators from running red lights. Signs will be posted at every intersection warning drivers that photo enforcement is in use. Tuscaloosa Police Officers cannot enforce traffic laws everywhere all of the time. These new cameras will help us extend our efforts, making intersections safer 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is no cost to our community for installing, operating, or maintaining the system. The entire system will be funded by violators.

# Sample Of Violation Ticket



## NOTICE OF VIOLATION AUTOMATED RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

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Pursuant to §17-205 et seq. of the Municipal Code of the City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Alabama Act No.2010-711, the owner of the motor vehicle is liable for payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$110.00 if the owner's vehicle enters an intersection monitored by a photographic traffic signal enforcement system against a red light in violation of Alabama law. Recorded images are evidence of a violation of a red light enforcement system.

John K. Smith  
7010 Siccamore drive  
Shady Palms, Florida 13362

On 03/14/2012 at 09:30 AM your vehicle was photographed and video recorded at the listed intersection while the traffic signal was red thus violating the above referenced ordinance. On the back of this notice you will find detailed information regarding payment, adjudication and hearing.

Failure to pay the civil fine or to contest liability within 40 calendar days of the date on this notice is an admission of liability in the full amount of the civil fine assessed and will result in an additional late fee penalty of \$0.00 per month and the possible loss of your right to a hearing. In addition, you may be subject to formal collection procedures including, but not limited to, being reported to a credit reporting agency, and a civil lawsuit.

THE IMPOSITION OF A CIVIL FINE IS NOT A CONVICTION FOR ANY PURPOSE, INCLUDING INSURANCE RATES. PAYMENT OF THE CIVIL FINE SHALL CONSTITUTE THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THIS MATTER.



### CERTIFICATE

I am a duly authorized enforcement officer for the Tuscaloosa Police Department. Based on my inspection of the recorded images shown above, the motor vehicle was operated in violation of Ordinance 7-20-10 (C)(3) of the Municipal Code of the City of Tuscaloosa.

Approver



Badge # 123123

You can view images and video (if applicable) of your violation by visiting our website at:  
[www.viewcitation.com](http://www.viewcitation.com)



Login Citation #: 014.0136635443 PIN: 974885



### VIOLATION INFORMATION

Citation Number: 014.0136635443  
Date and Time: 03/14/2012 at 09:30 AM  
Plate Number: CDI-V42  
Make: Chevrolet  
Model: Cadillac  
Location: Intersection 10th street and J street  
west side  
Red Light Time: 2.111  
Amount Due: \$110.00  
Date Due: 04/22/2013

QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS NOTICE OF VIOLATION? CALL THE CITATIONS PROCESSING CENTER AT 866-483-4999 (8AM-8PM EST)

Citations Processing Center, Tuscaloosa, AL  
PO BOX 713791  
CINCINNATI, OH 45271-3791



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Make check or money order payable to:

City of Tuscaloosa

Mail payment to:

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The details of this violation are recorded on the front of this notice. Please read below for instructions on how to address this violation.

You may elect to PAY THE CIVIL PENALTY or CONTEST THE VIOLATION.

- ☐ **I ELECT TO PAY THE CIVIL PENALTY AND WAIVE MY RIGHT TO A HEARING.** To make payment and waive your right to a hearing you must pay by the due date on the front of this notice. Payment of this fine and any applicable penalties for late payments shall operate as a final disposition of the violation. Payment options are:

- 1) **On-line** at [www.viewcitation.com](http://www.viewcitation.com). You are required to enter your citation number and the PIN provided on the front of this notice. Visa and MasterCard are accepted.
- 2) **By phone** at 866-483-4999. Visa and MasterCard are accepted.
- 3) **By mail** Checks and Money Orders must be made payable to the City of Tuscaloosa. Detach the remittance slip and return to the address listed on the front of it. In the event that a check is returned for non-sufficient funds, additional fees will be applied.

**Payments must be made in full to close out the account. Partial payments will be posted to the account however until the debt due and owing is remedied, any late fees accrued will be the responsibility of the registered owner.**

**Do not send cash. It will not be accepted. Payments will not be accepted at the Tuscaloosa Police Department.**

- ☐ **I CONTEST THIS VIOLATION.** You have the right to contest this violation at an administrative hearing OR by mail.

In order to state a valid defence supporting dismissal of this citation it is recommended that you review the village ordinance, the images and the actual recorded video of the infraction at [www.viewcitation.com](http://www.viewcitation.com), before contesting your violation. If following such review, you feel that you have a valid defense against the violation you may contest at an administrative hearing or by mail.

Valid defenses include:

- \* Your vehicle did stop and remain stopped at the red light prior to proceeding with a right turn, (where permitted).
- \* The vehicle or its registration plates were stolen prior to the infraction.
- \* The driver passed through the intersection in order to yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle or as part of a funeral procession.
- \* The vehicle was sold or ownership transferred prior to the violation occurring.
- \* The registered owner is an enterprise engaged in a rental, sale or lease of motor vehicles. You MUST complete the certification at the bottom of this page. A corporation or other business not engaged in the rental, sale or lease of motor vehicles is responsible for the proper operation of its vehicles and may NOT transfer liability to an employee or other person.

## Administrative Hearings

If after viewing the city ordinance and the images and/or video (if applicable) of your infraction you wish to contest this citation at an administrative hearing go online to [www.viewcitation.com](http://www.viewcitation.com) or call 866-483-4999 and make an administrative hearing request. You must request such a hearing prior to the due date specified on this notice. Once scheduled, a failure to appear will result in a final determination of liability. Administrative hearings will take place at:

Tuscaloosa Police Department  
Alvin P. DuPont Municipal Court Building  
2122 6th Street  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

## By Mail option

To contest this citation by mail, download and completely fill out the non-appearance form at [www.viewcitation.com](http://www.viewcitation.com). Please mail this form, as well as any additional documentation and/or evidence, by the due date specified on this notice to:

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CERTIFICATION OF SALE, LEASE OR RENTAL					
INSTRUCTIONS: You must provide, by the due date specified on this notice, the full name and current address of the person who leased, rented or became the new owner of the vehicle prior to the violation occurring. Please note that the furnishing of false information may subject you to criminal penalties. This Certification must be notarized before it is returned.					
Name of Renter/New Owner/Leasee	Citation Number	Address	City	State	Zip
I declare under penalty of perjury that the vehicle listed on the front of this notice, which was registered in my name, was leased, rented or transferred to the person listed above prior to the violation occurring. All of the information I have submitted is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.					
Signature		Date	Phone Number		
STATE OF _____					
COUNTY OF _____					
This instrument was acknowledged before me on _____ by _____ (SEAL) _____					
(Signature of Notary Public) _____ My Commission Expires: _____					