



PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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UPDATED:

The Johnson County District Attorney's Office became aware of an issue that arose with the digital ticket system used by Kansas Highway Patrol and overseen by the Office of Judicial Administration (OJA). Previously, the District Attorney's office and OJA worked together to set limits on the number of citations that would be scheduled on a specific traffic court date, in order to maintain a consistent number of cases to be heard. This was done with the intent to reduce wait times and to provide a more efficient traffic court docket.

The limit previously set by OJA at the request of the District Attorney's Office was removed for an unknown reason. This resulted in over 900 traffic citations scheduled for the 8:30am traffic docket on February 6, 2019. This was not requested by the District Attorney's Office, nor was it done at the request of Kansas Highway Patrol.

Currently, the District Attorney's Office, the Johnson County Clerk of the District Court and the Judges of the 10th Judicial District are working to alleviate court congestion on this upcoming date. This information is being released in order to notify anyone that has a citation scheduled for court in Division M2 of the Johnson County District Court on the morning of February 6, 2019.

If you are scheduled for a traffic court matter the morning of February 6, 2019 in the Johnson County District Court, there is likely to be a wait of several hours. However, many traffic citations can be addressed prior to that date, without an appearance in court. Individuals seeking to resolve their citations in lieu of appearing on the aforementioned date, are encouraged to contact the Johnson County District Attorney's Office, Traffic Division at 913-715-3114. Citations can also be addressed in person on the 4th floor of the Johnson County Courthouse.

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