RULE 471. DISPOSITION REPORT.

- (A) The issuing authority shall report to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation the disposition of all summary cases arising under the Vehicle Code. The report shall be sent by electronic transmission in the form prescribed by the Department.
- (B) The issuing authority shall print out and sign a copy of the report, which shall include the date and time of the transmission, and a certification as to the adjudication, the sentence, if any, and the final disposition. The copy shall be made part of the record.
- (C) Upon the request of the defendant, the attorney for the Commonwealth, or any other government agency, the issuing authority's office shall provide a certified copy of the report required by this rule.

COMMENT: See Rule 1101 for suspension of Acts of Assembly.

This rule does not address the admissibility of evidence. See the Pennsylvania Rules of Evidence and 42 Pa.C.S. § 6101 *et seq.* concerning the Rules of Evidence for documents.

Under paragraph (C), the issuing authority is required to provide a certified copy of the report, but only if the request is made within the period that the issuing authority is required to retain the records.

[Electronic transmissions are to be made from the District Justice Central Site Computer or other computer facility utilized by issuing authorities.]

NOTE: Rule 92 adopted June 3, 1993, effective July 1, 1993; renumbered Rule 471 and amended March 1, 2000, effective April 1, 2001[.]; *Comment* revised June 16, 2014, effective July 16, 2014.

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COMMITTEE EXPLANATORY REPORTS:

<u>Report</u> explaining the provisions of the new rule published with the Court's Order at 23 <u>Pa.B.</u> 2811 (June 19, 1993).

<u>Final Report</u> explaining the March 1, 2000 reorganization and renumbering of the rules published with the Court's Order at 30 <u>Pa.B.</u> 1478 (March 18, 2013).

<u>Final Report explaining the June 16, 2014 Comment revision</u> published with the Court's Order at 44 Pa.B. (, 2014).

(This is an entirely new rule.)

RULE 771. DISPOSITION REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

- (A) The clerk of courts shall report to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation all dispositions of charges required by 75 Pa.C.S. §6323 (relating to reports by courts). The report shall be sent by electronic transmission in the form prescribed by the Department.
- (B) The clerk of courts shall sign the report on the form prescribed by the Department by means of an electronic signature as authorized by Rule 103.
- (C) The clerk of courts shall print out and sign a copy of the report, which shall include the date and time of the transmission, and a certification as to the adjudication, the sentence, if any, and the final disposition. The copy shall be made part of the record.
- (D) Upon the request of the defendant, the attorney for the Commonwealth, or any other government agency, the clerk of courts shall provide a certified copy of the report required by this rule.

COMMENT: This rule was adopted in 2014 to provide for the electronic transmission of the case information required under 75 Pa.C.S. §6323 to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. The rule provides for procedures at the court of common pleas similar to those already provided under Rule 471 for the reports required to be submitted under 75 Pa.C.S. §6322 by issuing authorities.

A clerk of courts may comply with the requirements of paragraph (C) by retaining an electronic copy of the printed and signed document together with the appropriate annotations to the docket entries that the document had been transmitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

This rule does not address the admissibility of evidence. See the Pennsylvania Rules of Evidence and 42 Pa.C.S. § 6101 *et seq.* concerning the Rules of Evidence for documents.

NOTE: New Rule 771 adopted June 16, 2014, effective July 16, 2014.

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Final Report explaining the provisions of the new rule published with the Court's Order at 44 Pa.B. (, 2014).