

**The Philadelphia Courts
First Judicial District of Pennsylvania**

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Philadelphia Courts Issue STATEWIDE Consumer Fraud Alert!

Public Urged to IGNORE Fictitious TEXT Messages Alleging Failure to Pay PA Turnpike Toll

(Philadelphia) - The Philadelphia Courts issued a **STATEWIDE** fraud alert today, warning consumers about a fictitious text messaging scam purporting to come from the Traffic Division of Philadelphia Municipal Court. The headline on the text message reads, "**Notice of Hearing - TOLL VIOLATION**" (see attachment).

The text notice falsely instructs recipients to "Appear for a hearing" or resolve the matter by "payment of the assessed civil penalty . . . prior to the hearing date." A QR code for payment is provided in the text.

The Courts have been hearing from people throughout Pennsylvania who have received these fraudulent text messages.

The Courts strongly advise consumers to **IGNORE** these texts and **NOT** scan the QR code. The Courts will **NEVER** send a text message demanding payment for any toll, parking or other violations. The public is cautioned to **NEVER** provide personal, banking or credit card information via a link sent through an unknown text or phone call. The Courts **NEVER** request Social Security numbers or credit card information over the phone or via text.

If you have received one of these text messages or are a victim of this scam, please call your local police department or contact the PA Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection at [800-441-2555](tel:800-441-2555), or contact the Federal Trade Commission (ftc.gov).

To learn about recent scams and how to recognize the warning signs, please visit the [Federal Trade Commission's website](#).

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

TRAFFIC DIVISION

Case No: PA-26-TR-122656

Judge: John Smith

NOTICE OF HEARING — TOLL VIOLATION

You are hereby notified that you are alleged to have committed the following violation within Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania:

Violation: Failure to Pay Toll / Fare Evasion

Authority: 75 Pa.C.S. § 6110.1; 67 Pa. Code § 601.13

It is alleged that the operator or registered owner of a motor vehicle used a toll facility and failed to pay the required toll charge as required under Pennsylvania law and applicable Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission regulations.

You must:

- Appear for a hearing on the date and time listed below; OR
- Resolve the matter by payment of the assessed civil penalty and authorized costs prior to the hearing date.

HEARING LOCATION:

Philadelphia Municipal Court – Traffic Division
800 Spring Garden Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123
(215) 686-1675

HEARING DATE & TIME:

March 9, 2026
9:00 AM

Issued: March 2, 2026

Scan QR code to pay:



John Smith

John Smith
Clerk of the Court
Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania

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