



First Judicial District of Pennsylvania PHILADELPHIA TRAFFIC COURT

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Philadelphia Traffic Court to Launch Major Initiative to Clear Backlog of Unpaid Fines

Court Will Enforce Arrest Warrants, Individuals Have Reprieve Until End of July

Philadelphia, PA, June 25, 2003: Philadelphia Traffic Court President Judge Francis E. Kelly will hold a news conference tomorrow, June 26, 2003 to announce a major initiative to clear the backlog of unpaid traffic citations. The court is mailing notices to more than 49 thousand motorists who owe the city more than \$96 million. Defendants who have failed to respond to traffic citations or who owe traffic fines and costs will have until the end of July to respond to their citations or make arrangements to pay outstanding fines. Individuals who fail to do so will be subject to arrest by law enforcement officers. Details of the initiative will be announced at tomorrow's press conference.

WHO: Philadelphia Traffic Court President Judge Francis E. Kelly
Lieutenant DeMonso Waters, Philadelphia Police Department
Lieutenant Peter Lavini, Philadelphia Sheriff's Department
Vincent J. Fenerty, Jr., Philadelphia Parking Authority
Samuel Kline, Traffic Court

DATE: Thursday, June 26, 2003

TIME: 2:00 PM

PLACE: Court Room D
Philadelphia Traffic Court
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