



# First Judicial District of Pennsylvania PHILADELPHIA TRAFFIC COURT

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**Traffic Court's AutoVu begins crackdown on  
traffic scofflaws Monday**

**Philadelphia, PA, September 28, 2006:** Philadelphia Traffic Court wants to remind motorists that it will begin using new, state-of-the-art technology next week. AutoVu, a computerized van, will hit the streets cracking down on traffic scofflaws on Monday, October 2, 2006.

AutoVu, which was demonstrated to members of the media last week, will track down and boot vehicles owned by violators that have defaulted on their traffic fines. During the next two days, motorists are being urged to come to Philadelphia Traffic Court to pay their fines or make payment arrangements before AutoVu hits the streets.

Traffic Court estimates there are 46,000 motorists that owe \$36 million in fines that will be targeted in this new citywide initiative. Carrying a mounted camera and computer system, AutoVu will travel throughout Philadelphia to scan and capture the license plates of cars. New computer software will automatically read the license plate and determine whether the vehicle's owner has unpaid moving violations. If so, it will be rendered inoperable and towed until arrangements are made to pay the fines. Motorists who pay their outstanding traffic violation fines in full or re-establish their payment plan will be taken off the scofflaw lists kept by Traffic Court and the Philadelphia Police Department.

AutoVu can scan an average of 600 license plates an hour and approximately 3,600 a day traveling 15 miles per hour. In addition, the technology will save police valuable time because more scofflaws will be removed from the streets without involving the police department.

Anyone with questions about traffic citations or that wants to pay their fines must appear with a photo id at Philadelphia Traffic Court which is located at 800 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19123-2690. The Court is open to the public between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, and on Wednesday, until 6:00 P.M.

Motorists can also pay their fines with a credit card by using the Traffic Court's website, <http://courts.phila.gov/traffic>.