



Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office

Press Release

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Scam Alert: Fraudulent Traffic Notice Text Messages Circulating Minnehaha County

Residents are reporting receiving a text message containing an image that claims to be an official traffic or court notice and directs recipients to scan a QR code to make an immediate payment. This message is a scam.

The Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office wants the public to know that we do not demand immediate payment via QR codes or unsolicited text messages. (a number used is 726-255-2049)

What To Do If You Receive This Message

If you receive this text:

Do NOT

- Scan the QR code
- Click any links
- Send money or provide personal information

DO

- Report the message as Spam/Scam using your phone's reporting feature
- Delete the message immediately
- Share this warning with friends and family, especially those who may be more vulnerable to scams

Official Reminder

Courts and government agencies:

- Do not request payment through unsolicited texts
- Do not require payment via QR codes or gift cards
- Provide official notice through verified legal processes and secure payment channels

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF MINNEHAHA COUNTY TRAFFIC DIVISION

CASE NO: SD-28-TR-273196

Judge: Michael Rodriguez

FINAL NOTICE — COURT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

This notice constitutes your final official notification regarding an outstanding traffic violation involving your registered vehicle within the State of South Dakota. All prior notices and compliance deadlines have expired. This matter is now under active court enforcement.

Violation: Failure to Pay Electronic Toll / Toll Evasion
Parking Violation
Speeding Violation

Statutory Authority: 32-25 S.D.Codified Laws § 8177

Related Authority: 32-25 S.D.Codified Laws § 154

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

You must take one of the following actions without delay:

- Remit full payment of all outstanding tolls, fines, civil penalties, administrative fees, and court costs; OR
- Appear before the Court at the scheduled hearing to address this matter

FAILURE TO ACT OR APPEAR WILL RESULT IN:

- Entry of a final default judgment without further notice
- Imposition of maximum statutory penalties, late fees, and court costs
- Referral of the debt to a third-party collections agency
- Suspension of your South Dakota driver's license and/or vehicle registration
- Issuance of a Court Order to Show Cause and potential contempt proceedings
- Possible adverse impact to your credit profile associated with your Social Security Number (SSN)
- Additional enforcement actions as permitted under South Dakota law

COURT HEARING INFORMATION

Date: April 22, 2026

Time: Minnehaha County Municipal Court
Traffic Division
425 N Dakota Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104



Scan the QR code
to settle your
toll unpaid balance.