

NEWS RELEASE

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New statewide electronic system more efficiently resolves traffic citations

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A new electronic system gives people the opportunity to resolve certain traffic violations without a trip to the courthouse, allowing prosecutors to efficiently handle these cases and focus their efforts on more serious offenses.

The Electronic Compliance and Dismissal (ECAD) system launched statewide in July. Since then, people have begun to take advantage of this new, user-friendly system to resolve traffic compliance matters in Mecklenburg County and across North Carolina. ECAD reduces the amount of time needed to review and process dismissals by creating a one-click approval process for prosecutors. This gives Mecklenburg County prosecutors more time to focus on driving while impaired cases, serious assaults and repeat offenders in District Court.

“This is a great tool that not only assists the public in fairly resolving traffic compliance matters but also creates a smarter and more effective means of addressing high caseloads,” says Mecklenburg County District Attorney Andrew Murray. “My prosecutors and I are grateful for the state’s efforts as we work together to improve the efficiency of the court system.”

Through ECAD, defendants can request the dismissal of traffic violations pertaining to driver’s licenses, registration and inspection if they have obtained compliance with the N.C. Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) since receiving the citation. ECAD directly links to the DMV database to verify whether a defendant has become compliant. When that compliance is verified, the system allows the defendant to submit an electronic request for a dismissal to the District Attorney’s Office.

Requests for a dismissal through ECAD must be made prior to seven business days from a defendant’s scheduled court date. ECAD notifies the defendant via email when a request is approved or denied and if the defendant must appear in court on the assigned date. There is no cost to request a dismissal through ECAD. [Click here](#) for more information about eligibility requirements.

“Online dismissals and services are changing the way the public does business with our courts,” The Honorable Marion Warren, director of the N.C. Administrative Office of the Courts, said in a [recent news release](#). “This modern court technology is more efficient and convenient to process a significant portion of traffic cases online and not have to stand in line at the courthouse.”

To access ECAD, visit onlineservices.nccourts.org.

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