



# Superior Court of California County of Orange ***News Release***

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## **Traffic Citations DMV - Driver's Licenses License Holds Released Temporarily**

Orange County Superior Court temporarily suspended the reporting of Failure to Appear (FTA) notifications to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and temporarily removed holds that were previously sent to the DMV, resulting in the suspension of driver's licenses. Holds were not released on cases with active warrants.

"I ordered this action to allow those who have license holds to enable them to secure employment during these difficult times. Many of these persons are homeless and without any means of assistance," said Kirk Nakamura, Orange County Superior Court Presiding Judge.

The Court has automatically released license holds that were placed with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in the 3 months prior to court closure. Release of the license hold will prevent the suspension of the driver's license, or if already suspended, will allow the defendant to get their license reinstated with the DMV. As of today, a total of **7,399** license holds have been released electronically, an additional **627** license holds will be released manually by court staff over the next few weeks as they require manual intervention.

This action by the Court aims to prevent any future suspension of driver's licenses, during the Court's closure. In the event that a driver's license was already suspended, it will allow the defendant to temporarily reinstate their license with the DMV.

When the court re-opens, defendants that had their driver's license holds automatically released will be contacted by the Court with new deadlines for payment of fines or appearance in court to address their citation.

If your case did not qualify for the automatic license hold release process, please go to the link [HERE to establish a payment plan to release a DMV hold](#), or contact Collections at 657-622-8459 to discuss other options that may be available to you.

You may also submit a request in writing to seek judicial review to release a DMV hold by using the eCorrespondence link [HERE](#) or you may place a letter request in the courtesy box or door slot located outside any courthouse or send your letter by mail to:

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