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This communication is intended for law enforcement and eCitation vendors who electronically file eCitations with the Court. Court Administrators and the Minnesota Court Payment Center (CPC) are also receiving a copy for informational purposes.

Purpose: To provide law enforcement and eCitation vendors with notice of a recently identified defect incorrectly changing the case type on a few eCitation submissions to mandatory court appearance. This causes the court to reject the eCitation to allow for manual entry of the citation with the correct case type.

Background: The court is in a multi-stage incremental process of implementing a large number of changes to allow for fully automatic case type determination for citations. In early 2012, the court implemented some automated business rules for eCitations based on the payables list. This first set of programming validates specific charges that are problematic to court case processing if submitted as non-mandatory but the payables list requires a mandatory court appearance. The programming in place automatically corrects these to mandatory appearance without forcing a rejection to the eCitation filer for correction.

The 2012 payables list noted a mandatory appearance on two specific charges that were changed in the [2013 payable list](#):

1. Careless Driving (169.13, subd. 2) AND any type of accident occurred;
2. Uninsured Vehicle-Driver (Minn. Stat. 169.797, subd. 3) AND a fatal or substantial bodily harm accident occurred.

These two items were changed in 2013 by removing the specific accident provisions. Unfortunately, the eCitation programming logic change was not identified to allow submitting these as non-mandatory appearance violations. Consequently, some law enforcement agencies have correctly submitted these violations as non-mandatory but the court users have rejected them because the case type was changed to mandatory by the court eCitation automations.

What this means to you:

The court expects this defect will be corrected in the upcoming integration schema release you will receive notification of when this issue has been resolved.

Until then, after receiving the rejected eCitation message law enforcement will need to file the citation by hard copy with the local court for scanning and manual processing by the CPC. The rejection message reason will indicate the citation will need to be filed by hard copy. We apologize for the confusion.

If you have questions, please contact Robin.Hoesley@courts.state.mn.us , CPC Citation Entry supervisor or Kris.Wilkens@courts.state.mn.us , Court Operations Analyst, Court Services Division.

Thank you,

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