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TO: Clerks of Court

FROM: Dana Reiding, Chief
Bureau of Records

SUBJECT: Violation of a Traffic Control Device,
Sections 316.074(1) or 316.075(1) (c)1a

It has recently come to our attention that the number of traffic violations written for "Failing to Stop at a Traffic Signal" is lower than originally estimated.

Section 318.18(15), Florida Statutes became effective October 1, 2005, which increased the fine from \$60 to \$125 for failing to stop at a traffic signal. The additional revenue collected as a result of this violation is to be distributed to the Department of Health to fund trauma centers in accordance with s. 318.21(13), Florida Statutes.

The Florida Uniform Traffic Citation (UTC) was also revised to include a violation box for "Failure to Stop at a Traffic Signal" which should be used by the officer to specifically identify when this violation occurs. If the officer is using an older version of the UTC, a comment identifying this violation as a Traffic Signal violation must be written in by the officer.

The Department's Appendix C, breaks out two separate violation types for Failure to obey traffic devices. Failure to stop at a traffic signal violation must be reported as a violation code 543 when the UTC is issued pursuant to s. 316.074(1), Florida Statutes and violation code 545 when the UTC is issued pursuant to s. 316.075(1)(c)1a, Florida Statutes. Failure to obey other devices (stop signs, etc.) must be reported under violation code 532. Please review your internal process to ensure that these violations are being reported properly. Any questions related to this memorandum may be emailed to courtassist@hsmv.state.fl.us or by telephone to our UTC Section (850) 617-2589. Thank you for your cooperation.

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