

1 KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

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4 ) No.14-09  
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6 ) GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
7 ) Re: Infraction disposition for cases  
8 ) filed prior to 2005  
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10 The King County District Court is in the process of closing old  
11 infraction cases in preparation for the implementation of a new database  
12 system. In reviewing these old files, the court has discovered many cases  
13 which have no judgment or disposition entered and no Failure to  
14 Appear/Respond (FTA) issued. In many of these cases a monetary penalty was  
15 assessed and there may be a collection history. If ten years has elapsed  
16 since the date of violation, the Court finds these cases are no longer  
17 adjudicable and the financial obligations are no longer collectible, and  
18 further proceedings in the cases would not be in the interest of justice.

19 Therefore, it is now ORDERED:

20 In cases of civil infractions that are more than ten years old from the  
21 date of violation, and in which the court record does not show a finding or  
22 judgment of "committed", the clerk shall enter an order of dismissal, shall  
23 write off all legal financial obligations and cease any collection activity  
24 unless there is an active garnishment, and shall close the case.

25 Dated this 24 day of Oct., 2014

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27 Corinna Harn, Chief Presiding Judge  
28 King County District Court