

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

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HENN. CO. DISTRICT
COURT ADMINISTRATOR

In re: District Court Administration Authority to Dismiss
No Proof of Insurance and No Insurance Violations

STANDING ORDER

WHEREAS:

1. For several years, it has been the policy of Hennepin County District Court Administration to dismiss citations charging violations of Minn. Stat. §§ 169.791 (failure to produce proof of insurance), 169.793 (displaying altered or fictitious proof of insurance), and 169.797 (operating or permitting operation of an uninsured vehicle) upon proof that the vehicle was insured on the date of the alleged offense. Under this policy, no citation would be dismissed without court administration first verifying with the insurance provider that such coverage was in place.
2. Effective December 1, 2010, Minnesota Judicial Council Policy No. 506.4 authorizes state court administration to dismiss citations charging violations of Minn. Stat. § 169.171 (failure to produce proof of insurance) upon a timely showing of proof that the vehicle was insured on the date of the alleged offense. Under this policy, court administration must enter the dismissal without verifying with the insurance provider that such coverage was in place. Policy No. 506.4 does not address the authority of state court administration to dismiss citations charging violations of Minn. Stat. §§ 169.793 or 169.797.
3. Because of the statewide policy, the authority of Hennepin County District Court Administration to act in this area should be reflected in a Standing Order.

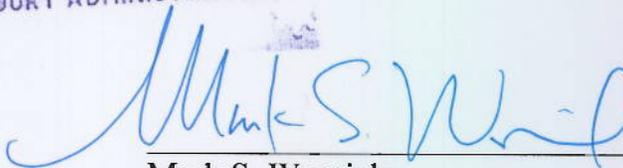
THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. With respect to citations alleging violations of Minn. Stat. § 169.171 (failure to produce proof of insurance), Hennepin County District Court Administration shall dismiss the citations without independently verifying coverage upon a timely showing of proof that the vehicle was insured on the date of the alleged offense.
2. With respect to citations alleging violations of Minn. Stat. §§ 169.793 (displaying altered or fictitious proof of insurance), and 169.797 (operating or permitting operation of an uninsured vehicle), Hennepin County District Court Administration shall dismiss the citations upon a showing of proof that the vehicle

was insured on the date of the alleged offense, and, upon receiving independent verification from the insurance provider that such coverage was in place.

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Dated: January 26, 2011

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