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ATTORNEY GENERAL DIRECTIVE PROHIBITING PLEA AGREEMENTS FOR GDL HOLDERS OCTOBER 2008

Attorney General Anne Milgram issued a directive on September 17, 2008 prohibiting municipal court plea offers to “no point” violations for Graduated Driver License (GDL) holders. The directive, which went into effect immediately, specifically states:

...when a Graduated Driver License holder is charged with a motor vehicle violation that carries penalty points assessed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:5-30.5, the prosecutor shall not offer or accept a plea agreement that results in conviction for violation of N.J.S.A. 39:4-97.2 (operating a motor vehicle in an unsafe manner) or any other motor vehicle offense that does not result in the assessment of penalty points.”

LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOULD NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

1. The ban applies to all GDL holders regardless of age.
2. For prosecutors and the courts to comply with the directive, it must be recorded on the summons that the driver is a GDL holder. This requires entering a “Z” in the restrictions code box on the summons. The “Z” restriction is printed in the center of the GDL (see sample GDL provided) directly below the expiration date (and the restriction code is also identified on the back of the license).
A GDL can also be distinguished by the fact that it is printed on the vertical rather than horizontal axis.*



*Graduated Driver Licenses for drivers 21 or older are printed on the horizontal axis.



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