

Sample Ticket Script

My names is [name] and I am a [Rank/Title] with the [Department or Agency]. I am a [level of certification] law enforcement officer certified by the Vermont Criminal Justice Council since [date of certification].

Speeding Cases: As part of my law enforcement duties, I have been trained and certified in the setup, testing, and operation of doppler radar and light detection and ranging (LIDAR) instruments for the detection of speeding.

Prior to the stop I tested the RADAR or LIDAR instrument, measured at distances at 50-100-150 Feet via tuning forks/internal calibration/speedometer verified/display lights at [time and source] and the instrument was operating without defect. I tested the instrument again after the stop at [time and source] and it was operating without defect.

[Include any training, education, and presenting/teaching experience relevant to the offense alleged at this point.]

On [date] at [time] I was operating [describe duty engaged in] in the City/Town of [city/town name] on Route/St/Ave/Hgwy MM [name and mile marker or other identifying feature] [direction of your travel if applicable]. At the time Route/St/Ave/Hgwy MM [name] was a way open to the public or general circulation of vehicles and was a public highway as defined in Title 23, Section 4. At that date and time, I observed a [vehicle type] headed [direction of travel] which appeared to be [describe observation of violation].

[Describe what you did/observed/ witnessed in response to observed violation] At the time of the stop the road conditions were: [conditions]. The temperature was: [temperature]. Traffic was: [describe traffic at the time of the observation of the offense]. It was: [daylight/dark].

Speeding Cases: I activated my RADAR/LIDAR and received a strong audio tone and visual confirmation for the speed of the vehicle which was [speed] MPH.

I stopped the vehicle and identified the operator as the defendant by their driver license, number [number], issued by the State of [state]. At that time, I issued a ticket for the following offenses [statute and reference title]

and hand delivered same to the defendant. [Identify the defendant at this point by describing where they are located in the court room as well as their appearance and attire. Then ask the court to have the record reflect that you have identified the defendant.] It should be noted that I also inquired whether the defendant was in active military service, and they responded, [response].

At the time of the stop, the defendant commented: [admissions, excuses, etc.]

Based upon the foregoing clear and convincing evidence defendant, [name], committed the following offense[s]: [offense[s]].