# The Importance of Judicial Outreach in the CDL/CMV World

Hon. Gary A. Graber
Town Justice, Town of Darien

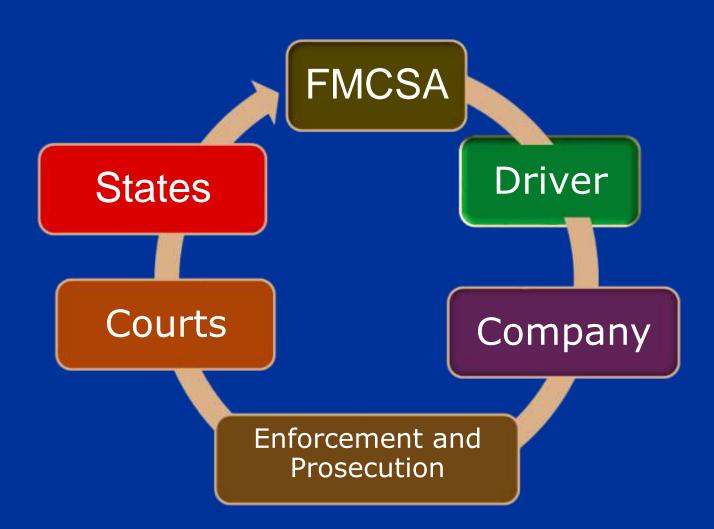


# Why Should You Care?



Why Should We Care?

#### Stakeholders



#### A concerned Judge.

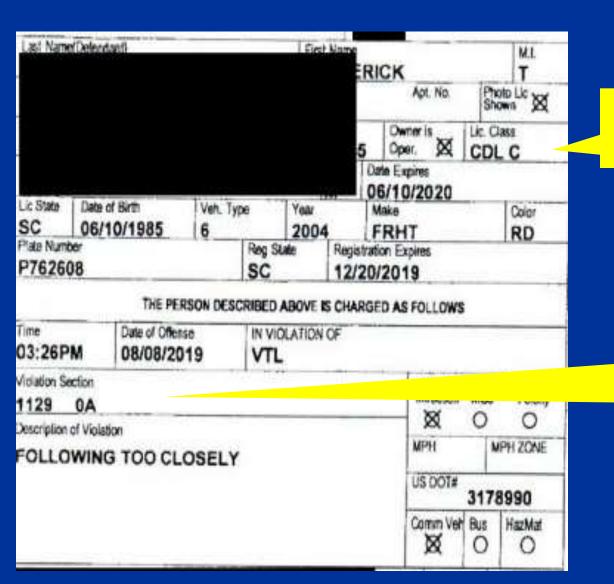
A judge called the resource center seeking guidance about masking. He has before him a proposed plea from a charge of aggravated DWI. Under the terms of the proposed plea, the charge would be reduced to reckless driving, and an IID would be installed for 6 months. The defendant holds a CDL. I'm unclear whether the defendant was operating a commercial motor vehicle at the time of arrest.

The judge was inquiring whether federal prohibitions against masking are implicated. The judge reports that the reason the DA is amenable to the proposed plea is problems of proof, which sounds like a legitimate basis for reducing the charge.

Truck driver trapped for an hour in crash that closed I-81 North



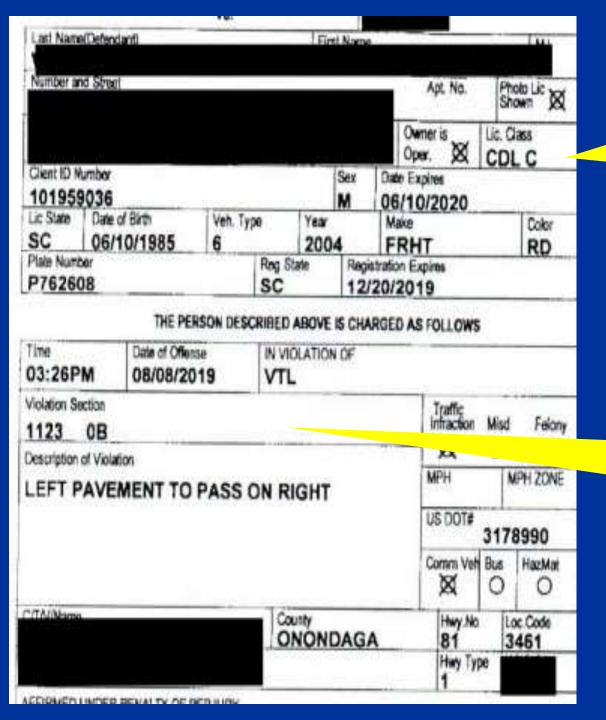
## A little knowledge is dangerous



WRONG LICENSE CLASS

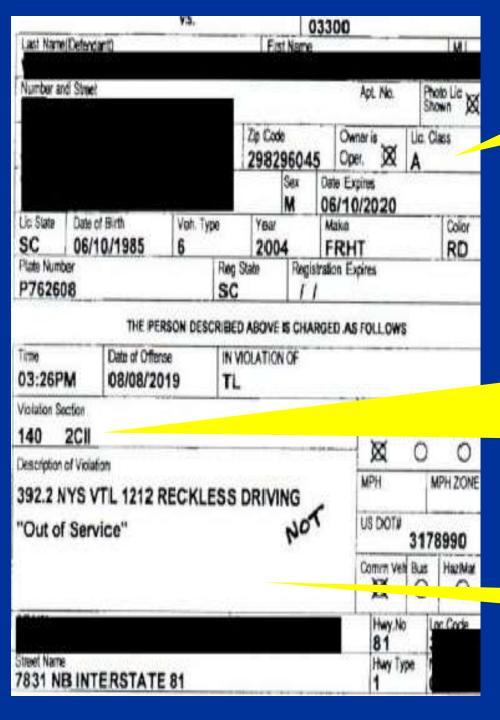
VIOLATION
FOLLOWING TOO
CLOSE

383.51 (Table2) (4)



#### WRONG LICENSE CLASS

IMPROPER LANE CHANGE 383.51 (Table 2) (3)



#### **Class changed to Class A**

Not
Vehicle and Traffic
Law
So no third serious
traffic violation !!!!
383.51 (Table2) (2)

An observant court clerk found this.

#### **SUBJECT MATTER KNOWLEDGE BY PEO/DEF**

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Ticket No. Description: Statute/Section Re. Case No. UNSAFE PASSING VTL 1124

offers you the opportunity to plead guilty to reduced charge(s) of one or more counts of JAYWALKING, A NON-MOVING VIOLATION, IN The Prosecutor VIOLATION OF NEW YORK STATE VEHICLE & TRAFFIC LAW SECTION 1152(C). Under the offer you will pay a fine of \$150.00 and you will receive NO POINTS on your driver's license. If you would like to accept the Prosecutor's offer, execute the agreement on the reverse side of this letter, have it NOTARIZED, and remit with payment in full NO LATER THAN 24 HOURS prior to your hearing date. This plea offer shall EXPIRE 24 HOURS prior to the above court date. Your full payment of \$150.00 must be made on or before your scheduled HEARING DATE. CANADIANS payable to MUST PAY IN U.S. FUNDS!

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REDUCED PLEA OFFER: \$ 150.00

Total Fine Offered on Reduced Plea Offer

Points on License with Plea Offer

15

ORIGINAL CHARGES: \$ 238.00

Maximum Points on License if Convicted Maximum Days in Jail if Convicted

Maximum Possible Amount in Fines and Surcharges

## A Simple Equation

Conviction

+

Disqualification



Citation Familiarization

Reductions of Masking Incidents