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## **JUDGE'S DECISION ON WRITTEN STATEMENT**

You may resolve infraction(s) by submitting a written statement rather than appearing in court. If you choose to resolve your case in writing, submit page 2 of this form by fax or postal mail **at least five days prior to your hearing**. You give up your right to appeal the judge's decision by proceeding by written statement. You will receive a written order with the judge's decision. Please carefully review the following options for resolving your infraction:

**Alive at 25 Program (AA25):** If you were under 25 years of age on the day you were cited with your infraction(s), you may request permission to attend a four-hour interactive class designed for young drivers. Information about AA25 is available at [www.sdc.coursestorm.com](http://www.sdc.coursestorm.com). If the judge grants your request to attend, you will be required to (1) register and pay the class fee of \$150.00 within 30 days, (2) provide proof of a valid driver's license and insurance at the time you attend, and (3) complete the class within 90 days. If you successfully complete AA25, all infractions on your citation will be dismissed. No payment plan is allowed for AA25.

**Attitudinal Dynamics of Driving Program (ADD):** If you are over 21 years of age, you may request permission to attend a six-hour interactive driver-safety class. Information about ADD is available at [www.sdc.coursestorm.com](http://www.sdc.coursestorm.com). If the judge grants your request to attend, you will be required to (1) register and pay \$150 within 30 days, (2) provide valid photo identification at the time you attend, and (3) complete the class within 90 days. If you successfully complete ADD, all infractions on your citation will be dismissed. No payment plan is allowed for ADD.

**Deferred Finding (DF):** A deferred finding results in a dismissal of the traffic infraction. You may be eligible for a deferred finding for one moving and one non-moving infraction within a seven-year period so long as you do not hold a commercial driver's license (CDL) and you were not operating a commercial motor vehicle at the time of the violation. If the judge grants your request, you will be required to pay an administrative fee equal to the fine on your citation within 30 days. Your infraction will be dismissed upon payment. No payment plan is allowed for a DF.

**Contesting or Mitigating by Written Statement:** You may submit your written statement and supporting documentation (i.e., proof of insurance, vehicle registration, photos, maps, etc.) and be notified in writing of the judge's decision. You will receive a written order with the judge's decision and you will have 30 days to pay in full or apply for a payment plan.

**Contesting:** The government must prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that each infraction was committed. The judge will consider your evidence and the evidence filed by the government. If the judge finds that you committed the infraction(s), you will be assessed a monetary penalty. If the government fails to meet its burden, your infraction(s) will be dismissed and you will owe nothing.

**Mitigating:** You agree that you committed the infraction(s) but wish to explain the surrounding circumstances and request a reduction in the monetary penalty. The judge will consider your evidence, the evidence filed by the government, the laws governing your infraction, and your driving history to determine an appropriate financial penalty.

**You are not required to appear at your hearing if this form is received by fax or mail 5 days prior to your hearing date.**

**DEFENDANT'S DECLARATION**

I have reviewed my options on page 1. I am requesting the following option(s) to resolve my infraction(s):

- Alive at 25** (AA25)
- Attitudinal Dynamics of Driving** (ADD)
- Deferred Finding** (DF)
  - If I am denied a deferred finding, I request permission from the judge to attend AA25 or ADD.
- Hearing by Written Statement**
  - Contesting:** I am contesting the infraction(s) and I promise to pay any monetary penalty imposed.
  - Mitigating:** I am mitigating the infraction(s) and I promise to pay any monetary penalty imposed.
- Payment Plan:** I am unable to pay the full monetary penalty that may be imposed within 30 days; I request information to set up a payment plan. Payment plans are not available for AA25, ADD, and DF.

**My statement:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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I am attaching additional documents (i.e., statements, insurance card, vehicle registration, photos, maps, etc.)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true & correct.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Infraction # (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE: Failure to pay or enter into and complete a payment plan may result in collection action, including garnishment of wages or other assets.**