

Getting pulled over for speeding is no fun. It might cause you to feel anxious. No one wants to get a speeding ticket. It will affect your driving record, which could result in a suspension of your license. Not only might your license be suspended, but it will end up costing you money in the form of court costs, fines and possibly increased insurance premiums. Here are some options to consider if you are pulled over: On the day you receive the speeding ticket, you want to say as little as possible. Remain calm and be polite. Do not let your emotions get in the way. Afterward, you will want to write down the details of the traffic stop, including time of day, location and if you remember what circumstances might have caused you to speed. This information may help you later.

If you decide you would like to fight the ticket in court, you will have to appear in person on your court date, meaning time off from work or time away from your family. You will also have to appear before a judge, a prosecutor and the officer that issued you the ticket. If you are unable to appear on your scheduled court date, or you need additional time to prepare, you could ask the court to delay your hearing or have your case continued. Having your case continued will allow you additional time to gather evidence to present to the court on the day of your hearing.

The best way to prove you weren't speeding is to have proof. Evidence could include dash-cam video or GPS data from a smartphone app or evidence that a speed limit sign was obscured. Collect any witness statements. You will be able to call a witness to speak on your behalf. Witnesses include any passengers that were in your car when you received the ticket. You should make notes on what questions to ask of the officer. You can ask the officer about their memory and training with speed-clocking equipment. Avoid asking questions that begin with "why."

If the foregoing seems like it's too much to handle on your own, give our attorneys a call at 910-892-9175. We would love to help you with your traffic matter.