

IN THE COUNTY COURT, IN AND
FOR LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

TRAFFIC DIVISION

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 94-01

IN RE:

PLEA IN ABSENTIA FOR
CHILD RESTRAINT VIOLATIONS

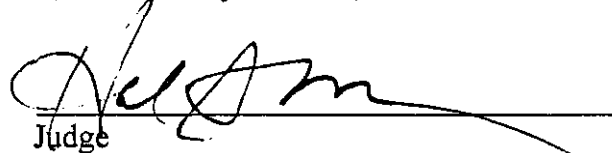
In an effort to provide a positive alternative to the heavy fine in strict enforcement of the Child Restraint Law, the North Florida Safety Council has made available a training class and, for those in need, child safety restraint devices. Following their lead and the lead of other Counties, the following Order is promulgated for Leon County, Florida.

It is ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Clerk of the Traffic Violations Bureau of the County Court of Leon County Florida, is hereby authorized to accept a PLEA IN ABSENTIA from any Defendant charged with a violation of Section 316.613 Florida Statutes on the following terms:

1. Plea of Nolo Contendere in Absentia
2. Adjudication of Guilt to be withheld
3. Defendant shall pay a non-moving civil assessment of \$37.00 TOTAL.
4. Defendant shall complete an educational course in Child Restraint offered by the North Florida Safety Council or other accredited agency within 60 days and furnish proof of completion to the Clerk of this Court.
5. Failure to pay costs of \$37 and/or complete the school shall result in a Notice of Suspension (D-6) being filed with the Division of Driver License.

It is the understanding of this Court that the North Florida Safety Council will make available child restraint safety devices to those Defendants who are not otherwise able to afford them.

DONE AND ORDERED, in Chambers, this 16th day of MAY, 1994.


Judge

cc: Clerk of Court
Chief Judge
Court Administrator
North Florida Safety Council
Law Enforcement


Chief Judge

Attachment: Proposed Plea in Absentia

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**IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND
FOR LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

TRAFFIC DIVISION

CASE # _____

IN RE:

DEFENDANT

**PLEA IN ABSENTIA TO
CHILD RESTRAINT VIOLATION**

WHEREAS, in this Court the above named Defendant was on the _____ day of _____, 19____, charged with the violation of the Child Restraint Law of Florida under Section 316.613 Florida Statutes and now this Defendant wishes to enter a plea of NOLO CONTENDERE to that charge and would say:

1. I give up my right to appear in Court and have a hearing before a Judge.
2. I give up my right to cross examine the witnesses against me
3. I understand that if, at a hearing, I should be found not guilty that there is no cost to me, but that if I am found guilty at a hearing the Judge may assess a Civil penalty of up to \$500 and require my attendance at a driving school.

I understand and agree to this disposition of my case in full.

WITNESS

DEFENDANT

In return for the entry of a plea of NOLO CONTENDERE IN ABSENTIA it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that adjudication of guilt shall be withheld in this case and that the Defendant shall pay a Civil penalty of \$37 and complete a Child Restraint Safety School offered by the North Florida Safety Council (\$20) or by any agency approved by the State of Florida. it is further

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Defendant shall have 60 days from the date of this Order in which to complete the school and furnish proof of completion to the Clerk of this Court at 1920 Thomasville Rd. Tallahassee, Fl. else the Defendant's Driver License may be suspended for non-compliance with this sentence.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 19____.

JUDGE OF THE COURT

cc: Defendant

