



BAKERSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



September 2004

On April 30, 2004, the Redflex Red Light Cameras went operational at the intersection of Ming Avenue and South Real Road. However, the signage required by the Vehicle Code, notifying the public of the automated enforcement system's presence was not posted. The Police Department became aware of the error on May 13, 2004 and the signage was posted on May 14, 2004.

Citations for the red light violations during that time period were mailed to the suspected violators by the Police Department within a few days after each individual violation was recorded by the Redflex System.

Although the red light violations were valid, the fact that the signs were not posted created a technicality that ultimately invalidates the citation. Therefore, it has been decided to dismiss all of the citations.

During July and August, the citations issued that had not already been paid were dismissed.

In September, 2004, the Police Department sought a reopening and dismissal of the citations that have already been paid. The request was granted by the court and the violators who have already paid their fine will receive a refund through the mail within 4-6 weeks.

Violators who have paid the fine **and** paid for traffic school will be reimbursed from the Superior Court of California, County of Kern, for the fine. In order to be reimbursed for Traffic school the violator need to submit a Liability Claim Form to the City of Bakersfield, City Clerk's Office, along with a receipt of payment for the traffic school. The City of Bakersfield will then forward a reimbursement check to you.

With the dismissal of this citation, the violation will be removed from your driving record through the Department of Motor Vehicles. You are encouraged to contact the Bakersfield Police Department, at the numbers below, to verify the removal of the violation.

Contact Numbers (during business hours)

Sgt. Jay Borton	661-326-3731
Sgt. Donny Martin	661-326-3598
Traffic Section	661-326-3882

We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused. The Bakersfield Police Department is committed to providing public safety and promoting public trust. We appreciate your cooperation and patience in dealing with this situation.