



## RICHMOND VA RECKLESS DRIVING LAWYER

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### *Reckless Driving in Richmond VA DISMISSED Case Result*



A Virginia State Trooper was patrolling in Richmond VA and enforcing the speed limit on Chippenham Parkway (Route 76). Our client, a Mechanicsville resident, was in no rush on his way to work during his regular morning commute. The State Trooper was operating a LASER speed enforcement device. According to the allegation, the Trooper claimed that our client was travelling at 77 miles per hour according to his LASER from 670 feet away from the observation point. The speed limit on Chippenham Parkway in this particular section was a properly posted 55 mph zone speed limit.

The Trooper issued our client a Virginia Uniform Summons for reckless driving. The Virginia reckless driving law pursuant to Va. code 46.2-862 states in part that evidence of speed 20 mph or more above the posted speed limit is a violation. Furthermore, reckless driving in Virginia is a class one misdemeanor offense that can trigger harsh penalties, including a jail sentence. Our client was terrified that this reckless driving case would cost him his job as manager of a local heating and cooling business for many reasons.

First, the allegation was a misdemeanor. There are many employers that conduct background checks for employment purposes. Depending on various factors, some employers will not hire or retain employees based on felony or misdemeanor convictions. The client was worried that he might be fired if convicted of a misdemeanor. Second, the client was concerned that a reckless driving conviction would end his employment because he drives company vehicles and the company auto insurance policy would not authorize a reckless driver to operate company vehicles. Third, if convicted of reckless driving, the client was concerned that the Court would suspend his driving privileges, which would prevent him from being able to get to his job in Midlothian from Mechanicsville plus it would prevent him from driving as a part of his job.

Our reckless driving lawyers thoroughly analyzed the client's case and were prepared with multiple arguments to protect the client. Ultimately, we were able to convince the prosecution to not object to the case we wanted to present to the Court. We were able to convince the Court to dismiss the case. Naturally, our client was ecstatic because he did not lose his job, but he also was able to avoid a reckless driving conviction. [By Mitch Wells](#) 6/25/2016

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