

PALM BEACH GARDENS POLICE DEPARTMENT		
DRIVER'S LICENSE VIOLATIONS		
POLICY AND PROCEDURE 4.2.3.17		
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### 1. Procedure

**PURPOSE:** To establish guidelines for handling persons operating a motor vehicle while their driving privileges have been lawfully suspended or revoked.

**SCOPE:** This policy and procedure applies to all officers.

**REVIEW RESPONSIBILITY:** Patrol Operations Bureau Major

**POLICY:** Whenever driver's license becomes an issue as prescribed in this directive, officers will be expected to comply with this directive, unless exigent circumstances exist.

### 1. PROCEDURE

- If an officer is certain that the vehicle operators driver's license is suspended, cancelled, or revoked, the officer will issue a traffic citation for that violation. Validation of the license status will be verified according to information received from the Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) or its equivalent, if from another state. If the driver has a suspended driver's license in possession, it will be taken and attached to the citation.
- The officer may physically arrest the violator if it is felt that the violator will not appear in court (i.e.; numerous suspensions, etc.). If arrested, the vehicle may be impounded subject to department policy.
- The driver should not be allowed to drive. If accompanied by a licensed driver the companion may, with the driver's consent, be allowed to drive. If alone, the driver may legally park the vehicle or have it towed by the towing service of his/her choice.
- If the subject is not in possession of a driver's license and the officer is unsure as to the status of the subject's driver's license, a citation for failure to carry a driver's license (FSS 322.15) will be issued. If the subject's license is found to be invalid, then the appropriate charges can be filed with the clerk's office.


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