



Newport Police Department

169 SW Coast Highway
Newport, Oregon 97365

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11/02/2012 2:00 p.m.

Incident: Immobilized Vehicle

Location: 500 Block of NW 3rd Street, Newport

Date/Time: November 2, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.

Details: On July 1, 2012, the City of Newport implemented a program to collect past due parking citations that totaled more than \$10,000.00 in uncollected fines. The initial focus was on unpaid fines for parking citations written in 2011, then progressing to 2012's unpaid parking citations. One of the final steps in the collection process is immobilization of the vehicle by using a "boot". Use of this tool is authorized in Chapter 6.50.015 of the Newport Municipal Code. An enforcement officer may immobilize any vehicle, without prior notice to the registered owner, under any of the following conditions: the vehicle has one (1) unpaid parking citation outstanding for more than 45 days, and no hearing has been requested; or there are four (4) or more unpaid parking violations on the vehicle. Immobilization devices are commonly referred to as "the boot." Newport residents and visitors were encouraged to comply with parking regulations and pay past due fines to avoid vehicle impound as well as additional fees associated with boot placement.

Although the ordinance authorizes vehicle immobilization without notice, the City does send two notices requesting payment of all parking accounts that are more than 45 days past due. The notices explain that failing to pay past due fines may result in vehicle immobilization.

One 11/02/2012, the City of Newport deployed the immobilization boot on a vehicle with more than seven unpaid parking fines for violations between 10/27/2011 and 07/11/2012. Notices sent to the registered owner were ignored; attempts to collect the unpaid parking fines were

disregarded. As a result, the vehicle was immobilized where it was parked in the 500 block of NW 3rd Street.

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