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The National Motorists Association and the Florida Civil Rights Association
Public Records Request Targets Orlando's Red-Light Camera Enforcement Program

Wanaukee, Wisconsin – The National Motorists Association (NMA) today announced the filing of a Public Records Request with the City of Orlando Police Department targeting Florida's largest red-light camera enforcement program.

The four-page request seeks records between the camera vendor **Lasercraft Inc.** and the **City of Orlando**, as well as key operational statistics that typically distinguish camera-equipped intersections, such as citations issued by infraction, and accidents by type. The public records request also seeks program revenue information, from how much income has been garnered by the City and Lasercraft Inc., to how the motorist fines have been spent.

Gary Biller, the executive director of the National Motorists Association, states that getting the relevant facts to the public is the main purpose of the request. "At the heart of photo enforcement programs is the safety vs. revenue debate. The records and data we are requesting from the City of Orlando will shed light on this subject," he said.

"The public have a right to be informed of all aspects of the red light camera and its impact on motorists' civil liberties," said, J Willie David, III, President of the Florida Civil Rights Association (FCRA).

The NMA and the FCRA have numerous objections to ticket cameras. These include privacy concerns, inadequate notification, failure to positively identify the driver of the vehicle, no certified witness to the alleged violation, and their negative effect on public safety. Per the Federal Highway Safety Administration, rear-end crashes increased 15%, and injuries from such accidents increased 24% at 132 intersections equipped with red-light cameras.

Information gathered from the public records request will also delve into key areas that have been manipulated by other red-light camera programs to enhance revenue generation over safety concerns, such as yellow light duration, camera trigger grace periods, and signal light synchronization.

The requesters expect to hear back from the City of Orlando by November 30, 2009. "I think

that we are giving the City of Orlando a reasonable period to comply," NMA director Biller said. The information found will probably add more fuel to the argument that the "devices should be banned," added Willie David of the FCRA.

Individuals who believe that they suffered injustice by receiving a red light camera ticket from the City of **Orlando** may contact the Florida Civil Rights Association at info@fcranews.com

About the NMA and FCRA

The National Motorists Association was established in 1982 to represent the interests and rights of North American motorists. It operates at the national level and through a system of state chapters. For more information about the NMA, call 608-849-6000, Email nma@motorists.org, or visit the NMA web site at <http://www.motorists.org>.

The Florida Civil Rights Association was established in 2005 to advance diversity, equal opportunity and fairness for all people by eliminating prejudice and discrimination in the public and private sectors. It operates at the state level, through its local branches and advocacy members. For more information about the FCRA, call 407-272-9254, Email info@fcranews.com, or visit the FCRA web site at <http://www.fcranews.com>.