

Maine Revised Statutes

Title 29-A: MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Chapter 23: MAJOR OFFENSES - SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION

§2414. REFUSING TO STOP FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Roadblock" means a vehicle, a physical barrier or other obstruction placed on a way at the direction of a law enforcement officer. [1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

B. "Signal" includes, but is not limited to, the use of a hand signal, siren or flashing emergency lights. [1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

[1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF) .]

2. Failure to stop. A person commits a Class E crime if that person fails or refuses to stop a motor vehicle on request or signal of a uniformed law enforcement officer.

[1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §153 (AFF); 1995, c. 65, Pt. C, §12 (AMD); 1995, c. 65, Pt. C, §15 (AFF) .]

3. Eluding an officer. A person commits a Class C crime if that person, after being requested or signaled to stop, attempts to elude a law enforcement officer by operating a motor vehicle at a reckless rate of speed that results in a high-speed chase between the operator's motor vehicle and a law enforcement vehicle using a blue light and siren.

[1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §153 (AFF); 1995, c. 65, Pt. C, §12 (AMD); 1995, c. 65, Pt. C, §15 (AFF) .]

4. Passing a roadblock. A person commits a Class C crime if the person, without authorization, operates or attempts to operate a motor vehicle past a clearly identifiable police roadblock.

[1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF) .]

5. High-speed chase policies. All state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies must adopt written policies on high-speed chases.

[1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF) .]

6. Aggravating factor; eluding an officer. A person commits a Class B crime if that person attempts to elude a law enforcement officer and another person suffers serious bodily injury, as defined in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 23, as a result.

[2003, c. 452, Pt. Q, §86 (AMD); 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF) .]

7. Aggravating factor; passing roadblock. A person commits a Class B crime if that person passes or attempts to pass a roadblock and another person suffers serious bodily injury, as defined in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 23, as a result.

[2003, c. 452, Pt. Q, §87 (NEW); 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF) .]

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