

PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

HEADQUARTERS

209 FOUNTAIN STREET, PROVIDENCE, RI 02903

COLONEL URBANO PRIGNANO, JR.

CHIEF OF POLICE



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Commanding Officers:

There has been some confusion that has arisen over the enforcement of "Handicap Parking" violations due to a ruling by the State Traffic Commission. The ruling indicates that the only "Handicap Parking" statute that can be enforced is the one through the Administrative Adjudication Court.

In light of this fact, the Meter Checkers of this City are not authorized to issue Handicap Parking violations. These violations, whether on private or public property must be issued by a sworn law enforcement officer.

The statute for "HANDICAP PARKING VIOLATION" is 31-28-7.3a. The offense code is "180", and it is issued on a "Universal Summons". The process is for the officer to request an 'MVD' to determine an owner of the vehicle and place the registered owner's information in the portion of the summons that pertains to the owner only. The registered owner is issued the summons, and the fine is \$87.00.

The hard copy of the summons is placed under the windshield wiper of the offending vehicle, as one would with a parking tag. This will be the procedure for Handicap Parking Violations until further notice.

URBANO PRIGNANO, JR.
Colonel
Chief of Police

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Urbano Prignano, Jr.', is written over the typed name and title.

John J. Partington
APPROVED:
JOHN J. PARTINGTON
Commissioner of Public Safety