

ATTENTION: THIS IS A COURT-APPROVED LEGAL NOTICE. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE

This notice informs you of a class action lawsuit brought against the City of Gretna, Louisiana and Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc., which challenges the automated speed enforcement program in Gretna, Louisiana. This notice is being sent to you because you have been identified as a potential class member whose rights may be affected by this lawsuit if you choose not to opt out.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CASE

This notice concerns the case of *Michael Brantley, et. al., Individually and on behalf of a Class of Similarly Situated Persons v. City of Gretna & Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc.*, bearing docket number 760-182 in the 24th Judicial District Court for Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, which is pending before Judge June Berry Darensburg. The lawsuit was initially filed on April 22, 2016, and challenges the legality of the automated speed enforcement program operated by defendants in Gretna, Louisiana. The program operated from 2008 through October of 2022. Under this program, specialized equipment would photograph vehicles that were determined to be speeding and the owner of the vehicle would be mailed a notice of violation. If found liable, the person could receive a fine ranging from \$120.00 to \$300.00 for repeat offenses, along with hearing fees of \$30.00. The lawsuit contends that defendants' operation of the program was without authority, violated state law, and violated the Louisiana Constitution. The lawsuit seeks a declaratory judgment that the program was unlawful, an injunction against its further operation, and a refund of all fines that were paid, along with interest, court costs, and attorney's fees. You can read more about the case online at www.gretnaclassaction.com. You can also find out more information, including the names and addresses of the parties, by contacting class counsel, whose information is provided on the website and at the bottom of this notice.

CLASS DEFINITION

On March 30, 2021, Judge Darensburg issued an order certifying the class, which is defined as follows:

All persons who received a Notice of Violation from the Gretna Traffic Enforcement Program, as set forth in Gretna Ordinance 31678, originally codified as Ord. 90-505 through 90-511 and re-enacted as Ord. 52-365 through 52-371, and who subsequently paid any fine, fee, civil penalty, costs or other payment in full or partial satisfaction of the Notice of Violation.

YOUR RIGHT TO OPT OUT

If you want to participate in the class action and you are within the class definition provided above, you do not need to take any action at this time. However, if the court deems it necessary in the future, it may require you to take further action in order to participate in any recovery, such

as submitting a claim form. The judgment in this case, whether favorable or not, will include all members who do not request exclusion and will be binding upon them. Any member who does not request exclusion may, if the member desires, enter an appearance through counsel at that member's expense. Otherwise, class counsel will represent your interests before the court.

If you do not want to participate in the class action, you must opt out of the lawsuit. The court will exclude from the class any person who requests exclusion. If you opt out, you will not be able to share in any monetary damages that plaintiffs may obtain in this litigation. You may still challenge the program and seek a refund individually, but you will need to file your own timely claim. You may wish to consult with an attorney before you make a decision to opt out or to remain in this litigation or otherwise to explore your potential interests and rights. To opt out, you must complete the enclosed opt-out form (which can also be obtained online at www.gretnaclassaction.com) and submit it via mail, email, or facsimile to ALL of the individuals below:

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****The deadline to opt out is October 17, 2023.****

IF YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION

If you have questions or would like more information, you can visit www.gretnaclassaction.com or contact class counsel, whose contact information is:

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