

THE FAULTY EQUIPMENT TRAFFIC STOP: ITS EFFECTIVENESS IN TODAY'S LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Abstract

Faulty equipment on a motor vehicle has been used as probable cause for law enforcement officers to conduct a traffic stop countless times. A detailed investigation was conducted into the use and the outcome of these traffic stops conducted by members of the Florida Highway Patrol. Window tint enforcement varies by agency in Florida, but is strongly enforced by the members of the Florida Highway Patrol who have the necessary equipment. It was concluded that the faulty equipment traffic stop was an effective tool in apprehending criminals and removing contraband from Florida's roadways.