

Example: an OVI ticket

Ohio · prepared Wed, October 21, 2026

THIS IS AN EXAMPLE

Made up to show what a case summary holds. The person, the police department, the court, the case number and the phone numbers are invented.

The charges, what they carry, the statutes and the deadline are read from the MyRightz Ohio guide, the same way a real case reads them.

ABOUT THIS SUMMARY

Case: Example: an OVI ticket. Ohio.

Put together on Wed, October 21, 2026 by the person this case belongs to, from their own papers and notes, using MyRightz (myrightz.com).

It is not legal advice and was not prepared by a lawyer. The charges' penalties and the statements about a lawyer come from the MyRightz guide, which cites the law for each; everything else is in the person's own words or read from their papers.

Next date: Mon, November 2, 2026, Initial appearance, 9:00 AM, Courtroom 2.

THE CHARGES

Operating a vehicle under the influence

On the paper: OVI, 4511.19(A)(1)(a)

Operating a vehicle while under the influence, or with a prohibited concentration of alcohol or a drug of abuse.

A first offense within the lookback period: M1, First degree misdemeanor; jail up to 180 days; fine \$565 to \$1,075.

Law: ORC 4511.19.

Jail: possible at one or more levels.

Speeding

On the paper: Speed, 52 in a 35, 4511.21

Exceeding a speed limit set by the section, or driving at a speed greater or less than is reasonable and proper for the conditions, or at a speed that will not permit stopping within the assured clear distance ahead.

The ordinary case: MM, Minor misdemeanor; no jail; fine \$150.

One predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense within one year of this one: M4, Fourth degree misdemeanor; jail up to 30 days; fine \$250.

Two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses within that year: M3, Third degree misdemeanor; jail up to 60 days; fine \$500.

Law: ORC 4511.21; ORC 4511.091; ORC 4511.98.

Jail: possible at one or more levels.

What the law says about a lawyer where jail is possible: As the Supreme Court reads the Sixth Amendment,

nobody may be sent to jail for any offense, misdemeanor or felony, and that includes a suspended jail term, unless they had a lawyer or knowingly gave up the right; for a person who cannot afford one, that means a lawyer the court appoints, often a public defender. What triggers the right is jail actually imposed, not only what the charge allows, and many states provide a lawyer more broadly than that minimum.

Cases on the right to a lawyer: *Argersinger v. Hamlin*, 407 U.S. 25 (1972); *Scott v. Illinois*, 440 U.S. 367 (1979); *Alabama v. Shelton*, 535 U.S. 654 (2002).

THE DATES

Mon, November 2, 2026: Initial appearance, 9:00 AM, Courtroom 2

Wed, December 2, 2026: Last day to appeal the administrative license suspension

Thirty days from the initial appearance, worked out by Your clock from ORC 4511.197.

THE PAPERS

Papers/01 Ticket, front.jpg

Photo, 402 KB, added Tue, October 20, 2026.

Read as: Traffic ticket, Anytown Police Department (example), Anytown Municipal Court (example), No. EXAMPLE-26-TRC-0000.

A traffic ticket charging operating a vehicle under the influence and speeding, 52 in a 35 zone, with an initial appearance in municipal court on November 2 at 9:00 AM.

Mon, November 2, 2026, 9:00 AM: Initial appearance, Courtroom 2

Papers/02 Notice of suspension.pdf

PDF, 184 KB, added Tue, October 20, 2026. Handed over at the station.

Every paper is in the Papers folder exactly as it was added. Readings were made by AI from the paper and should be checked against it.

WHAT HAPPENED

Mon, October 19, 2026: Stopped on Route 9 at about 1:40 AM

Field tests at the roadside, then a breath test at the station. Ticket and a notice of suspension handed over there.

PEOPLE

Anytown Municipal Court clerk, Court or clerk: (555) 010-0142

County public defender's office, Public defender: (555) 010-0199

Asked to call back after the initial appearance.

NOTES

Needs the car for work. Ask about limited driving privileges.