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City of Sioux City v. Jacobsma

Supreme Court of Iowa - February 20, 2015 - N.W.2d - 2015 WL 711071

Owner of vehicle appealed magistrate's order finding him liable for municipal infraction citation for speeding as detected by automatic traffic enforcement equipment. The District Court affirmed. Owner appealed.

The Supreme Court of Iowa held that:

- Ordinance, consistent with concepts of due process, can rationally impose liability on a vehicle owner who concedes being the owner and that the vehicle was speeding;
- Stipulation provided a sufficient basis to impose liability on owner;
- Ordinance was not so arbitrary and unreasonable as to offend Inalienable Rights Clause of Iowa Constitution; and
- Ordinance was not preempted by State laws.

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