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State ex rel. Magsig v. Toledo

Supreme Court of Ohio - June 24, 2020 - N.E.3d - 2020 WL 3444420 - 2020 - Ohio - 3416

Driver sought a writ of prohibition to prevent city from conducting an administrative hearing to adjudicate her liability for violating a municipal traffic ordinance.

The Supreme Court held that city lacked jurisdiction to carry out its red-light and speeding-camera civil-enforcement system.

City lacked jurisdiction to carry out its red-light and speeding-camera civil-enforcement system; statute provided that a municipal court had "jurisdiction over the violation of any ordinance of any municipal corporation within its territory, including exclusive jurisdiction over every civil action concerning a violation of a state traffic law or a municipal traffic ordinance," and city ordinance allowed an administrative hearing officer to adjudicate noncriminal traffic-law violation in contravention of statute's language.

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