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Police Chief Bans Speeding Fines Without Video Evidence

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A traffic police officer, pictured here in the force's previous uniform, will now be obliged to present video evidence of speeding offenses to drivers. **Denis Grishkin**

Interior Minister Vladimir Kolokoltsev has instructed traffic police across Russia that they can only issue speeding fines if they have video evidence of the driving offense.

The order, which Kolokoltsev issued several days ago, effectively bans traffic police from using radar guns without a digital display and video-recording capabilities, Vedomosti reported Tuesday.

"I can say to all those driving on the roads: If there isn't video evidence of [a driver] exceeding the speed limit, a traffic police officer cannot accuse them of violating traffic regulations," Dinar Gilmutdinov, traffic police chief for the Bashkiria republic, said in an interview with a regional news agency.

A similar ban on issuing speeding fines without video evidence is already in place in Ukraine, according to the business daily. In particular, the new order affects the use of outdated Russian-made Sokol and Iskra-1 radar guns.

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