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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

***Broome County Clerk Mihalko Issues a Fraud Alert Concerning Email Scams***

This morning, Broome County Clerk Joseph Mihalko issued a fraud alert, warning individuals and businesses of potential email scams. Some concerned citizens have reported emails about alleged traffic violations that can only be paid on line with a credit card. The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles does not accept payments for local traffic violations. Instead, they are handled at the local municipal level. A sample of a recent fraudulent email is included below.

“It’s unfortunate that fraudsters are posing as local and New York State DMV personnel to scam innocent people of money over email. These emails and the links within them may contain viruses and other malware,” said County Clerk Joe Mihalko.

“If you had a traffic violation, you would get an official document through the mail from a local court or municipality. Citizens should be cautious about emails claiming to be from local or NYS DMV, and to take the time to research. If you receive a suspicious email asking you to pay money online for alleged traffic violations, do not hesitate to contact the Clerk’s Office at [clerkinfo@co.broome.ny.us](mailto:clerkinfo@co.broome.ny.us) and we can let you know whether or not it is legitimate.”

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From: Department of Motor Vehicles [<mailto:violations@citygovernment.co.gov>]  
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 5:58 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Notice of Traffic Violation

Dear [REDACTED],

This notice is to inform you that you have been cited with a traffic violation and must pay your citation within 72 hours. We have payment plans available if necessary.

DETAILS OF CITATION
Traffic Code Violation: <b>SPEEDING</b> (15-20 OVER LIMIT)
Approximate Location of Violation: 60 Hawley Street 1st Floor
City: Binghamton
State: NY

Do not mail in your checks to us. All citations must be paid online through our [EasyPay](#) Center.

If you choose to contest your citation, you must do so by [clicking here](#) to contact your local Department of Motor Vehicles via [SecureMail](#).

*This was an automated message sent on behalf of your local Department of Motor Vehicles.  
Do not reply to this message.*