

**United States District Court**  
**Western District of Oklahoma**  
**Federal Tickets/ Central Violations Bureau**

**Q: Did I receive a federal ticket? Or how do I know if I received a federal ticket?**

**A:** If the ticket you received does not say "U.S. District Court Violation Notice" across the top, then you did not receive a federal ticket. Federal tickets are issued by law enforcement personnel from agencies such as the U.S. Military Base in Fort Sill or Tinker Air Force Base. Other agencies include the U.S. Park Police, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, Department of Defense Police, U.S. Provost Marshal, Air Force, Marines & Navy Security Forces, U.S. Postal Police, U.S. Customs, U.S. Border Police, and V.A. Police. [Click here](#) to see example of federal ticket.

**Q: What is the difference between a Central Violations Bureau ticket and a ticket requiring me to appear before a Magistrate Judge?**

**A:** Petty offenses are sometimes called infractions and are minor crimes that include such things as speeding, simple assault and other minor traffic violations. These are more than likely violations given with a ticket. Sometimes a court appearance is required. Your ticket will indicate if you can pay a fine by a certain date or whether you will be notified about a court appearance. Misdemeanors are more serious than petty offenses, but not as serious as a felony. These may include theft or possession charges. Misdemeanors are put into categories A, B and C and many, but not all, will have a charging document called "an Information" filed along with the violation notice. These cases require an appearance before a U.S. Magistrate Judge and you will be notified by the clerk's office.

**Q: What is the Central Violations Bureau?**

**A:** The Central Violations Bureau is a national center responsible for processing violation notices (tickets) issued and payments received for many federal petty offenses cases. This includes violations that occur on federal property such as military installations, federal buildings, national parks, Veteran Affairs medical centers, national wildlife refuges, and national forests. The Central Violations Bureau processes violation notices for violations of federal law that occur outside federal property as well. For example, migratory bird offenses that occur on private property.

**Q: How do I know if I have a Central Violations Case (CVB) or a case where I appear before a Magistrate Judge?**

**A:** If you are to appear before a United States Magistrate Judge, box A on your violation notice should be checked. It may or may not have a date. If it doesn't, The Central Violation Bureau will contact you with a notice to appear on a specific date and time.

If the ticket is to be paid through the Central Violations Bureau it will be indicated in Box B or on the back of the ticket. Go to <http://www.cvb.uscourts.gov> for more details regarding payment. If you fail to pay the fine you will be required to appear and notification will be sent to you.

**Q: Who is my contact at the Central Violations Bureau?**

**A:** <http://www.cvb.uscourts.gov> will be your best contact. They give online instructions for payment and general instructions regarding this kind of ticket. Their phone number is 800-827-2982.

<u>Payment Address:</u>	<u>Correspondence Address:</u>
Central Violations Bureau	Central Violations Bureau
P.O. Box 71363	P.O. Box 780549
Philadelphia, PA 19176-1363	San Antonio, TX 78278-0549

**Q: Who is my contact at the courthouse (Non-CVB)**

**A:**

Fort Leavenworth Fort Riley  
Yolanda Holman Chasity Schoonover  
913-735-2210 913-315-4200