ABSTRACT

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: Factors Affecting Law Enforcement Decision on

Traffic Law Violations by Traffic Police: The Case

Study of Traffic Police in the Metropolitan Police Bureau

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The aim of this research is to study the way in which traffic police decide to enforce traffic laws on traffic violations. What made them decide to enforce the laws? Would they making of the decisions: the internal (i.e., physical and psychological) and external factors which might be related to decision-making behavior.

The samples for this research were 316 traffic policemen in the Metropolitan Police Bureau. In terms of analysis, this research applied the percentile method to the categorized field data and tested it through two types of statistical values, namely, Chi-square and Cramer's V.

The results are as follows:

1. The period of traffic experience was significantly related to their

enforcement dicisions, whereas ranks, age, years of police work, and level of education were unrelated.

- 2. The psychological factors namely, confidence, bravery, rationality, personal feeling were unrelated to their decision-making.
- 3. The decisions taken by traffic police were also affected by the social status of the traffic law violators, whereas the location, the time of violation, and the violator's behavior were unrelated.