

# Leadfoot Al got 95-mph ticket squashed

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ALBERT PIRRO got another speeding ticket last year but used his political pull to squash it, the Daily News has learned — allowing him to keep his driver's license after he later racked up two more summonses.

The leadfooted Pirro, the husband of Republican attorney general candidate Jeanine Pirro, was doing 95 mph in his black Mercedes when he was pulled over on the New York State Thruway near Albany on Sept. 20, 2005, according to a copy of the summons obtained by The News.

But Pirro, whose wife was running for U.S. Senate at the time, used his connections to turn the moving violation into a simple parking ticket when it reached a Greene County court on Feb. 23 this year, insiders said.

"The ticket just went away," a source with direct knowledge of the situation told The News.

Pirro was fined \$100 and let go — although most drivers would likely have earned a fine of \$200 or more and up to 6 violation points on their licenses, experts said.

If Pirro — who did not return calls for comment yesterday — didn't catch a break, he now would be facing a six-month revocation of his license.

Under state law, revocation is mandatory for anyone who is found guilty of speeding three times in an 18-month period — a category Pirro would have fallen into if the upstate ticket had not been reduced to a parking summons.

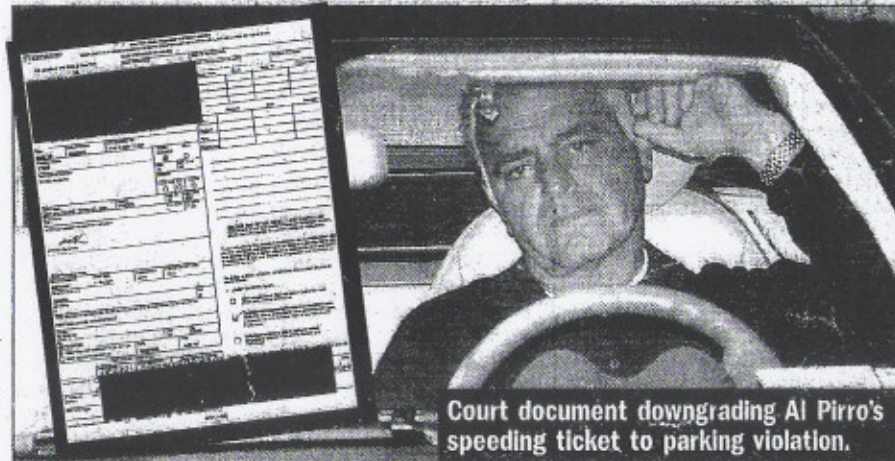
On July 2 this year, police stopped Pirro going 98 mph on Interstate 95 in New Rochelle. He later paid a \$175 fine and had 4 points assessed on his license.

He was nabbed again on Sept. 14 in White Plains, where cops clocked Pirro going 51 mph in a 25-mph school zone.

The last case has not reached court yet, but Pirro could be fined up to \$225 and assessed 6 points on his license under state law.

It is not unusual for speeding tickets to be reduced to a lesser moving violation as part of a plea bargain, especially in smaller, upstate communities, lawyers said yesterday.

But several expressed awe — even a touch of admiration — that Pirro was able to do 95 mph and still not have it show up on his driving record.



Court document downgrading Al Pirro's speeding ticket to parking violation.

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"That's a very good deal," said Matthew Weiss, a lawyer whose Manhattan firm, dubbed 888-RED-LIGHT, specializes in traffic cases across the state. "If I was representing Mr. Pirro or anyone else, I would be very happy with that result."

Pirro's ticket is the latest embarrassment for his wife, who became the target of a federal probe last week when she was caught on tape discussing how

to bug her husband — whom she suspected of cheating.

Pirro's campaign declined to comment yesterday on the latest revelation, but the former Westchester County district attorney minced no words the last time her husband was caught speeding.

"You didn't want to be in my house last night," she told reporters a day after he was nabbed.

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