

## The Efforts of the Kendal Police Traffic Unit in Reducing Traffic Violation Rates

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**Abstract.** *This study aims to identify and analyze the causes of traffic violations in the jurisdiction of the Kendal Police Traffic Unit, the Kendal Police Traffic Unit's efforts to reduce the level of traffic violations and the obstacles faced by the Kendal Police Traffic Unit in reducing the level of traffic violations. The approach method uses a sociological juridical approach, the research specifications are analytical descriptive, data sources include primary data and secondary data; data collection methods are field studies and literature studies; and data analysis method is qualitative analysis. The theory used in this research is the theory of crime prevention, the theory of the legal system and the theory of legal effectiveness. Based on the results of the study it was concluded that the causes of traffic violations in the jurisdiction of the Kendal Police Traffic Unit are the lack of awareness from the public in traffic, low knowledge in traffic, rushing on the way, and joining in. The efforts of the Kendal Police Traffic Unit in reducing the level of traffic violations are through pre-emptive, preventive and repressive efforts. These efforts were effective in reducing the level of traffic violations in the jurisdiction of the Kendal Police Traffic Unit where from 2018 to 2022 there was a decrease in the rate of traffic violations. The obstacles faced by the Kendal Police Traffic Unit are that the level of public legal awareness is still low, in the enforcement of ETLE fines there are several vehicles that have changed ownership.*

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### 1. Introduction

Transportation is one of the important needs in supporting development in order to advance public welfare as mandated by the 1945 Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia. Road transportation is organized with the aim of realizing safe, secure, fast, smooth, orderly traffic and road transportation regularly to support

national development at a cost that is affordable by the community.<sup>1</sup> Transportation is a very important means of supporting mobilization with two-wheeled vehicles, four-wheeled vehicles, and other road transportation.<sup>2</sup>

The transportation system greatly determines the effectiveness of a city. Along with the rapid development of globalization, there are many problems related to law violations against traffic ranging from mild to serious.<sup>3</sup>The number of cases of traffic violations on the highway committed by road users tends to result in accidents and increasing traffic jams.<sup>4</sup> Conditions make the state take a stand in regulating (regulating) road traffic and transportation, because traffic regulations have a strategic role in supporting development and national integration as an effort to promote general welfare.<sup>5</sup>

Road traffic and transportation as part of the road transportation system has a strategic role in supporting national development as part of efforts to advance public welfare as mandated by the 1945 Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia. To realize this, the government passed Act No. 22 of the Year 2009 concerning Road Traffic and Transportation. This aims to realize road traffic and transportation services that are safe, orderly, smooth and integrated with other modes of transportation to boost the national economy.<sup>6</sup>

Road traffic and transportation needs to be managed and regulated on an ongoing basis and continuously improved so that their reach and services are wider to the community, taking into account the public interest and the capabilities of the community. Coordination between central, regional, sector authorities and related agencies and elements needs to be improved in order to create security and order in organizing road traffic and transportation.

The traffic conditions of a country will reflect the conditions of a country. This is in accordance with the opinion of Soerjono Soekanto who stated that if you want to

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<sup>1</sup>Rahmat Fauzi, Law Enforcement of Traffic Violations by Children as Motorcyclists in the Legal Area of the Bukittinggi Police, Pagaruyung Law Journal, Vol 3, No 2 (2020), p.150.

<sup>2</sup>Syahrudin, The Effectiveness of Police Actions Against Violators of Article 106 Paragraph 5 of the Road Traffic and Transportation Law Regarding the Completeness of SIM and STNK on Two-wheeled Vehicles in the Context of Equal Treatment Before the Law(Case Study in Blora Regency), Journal of Law and Economic Development, Vol 6, No 1 (2018).

<sup>3</sup>Wirjono Prodjodikoro, 2003, Principles of Criminal Law in Indonesia, Refika Aditama, Bandung, p. 20

<sup>4</sup>Teguh Tri Prasetyo and Eko Soponyono, Juridical Analysis Of Prosecution Application Against Traffic Violators Through E-Ticketed System With CCTV Footage As Evidence, Journal of Daulat Hukum, Vol. 2 No.1 (2019).

<sup>5</sup>Soehino, 2008, State Science, Third Edition, Liberty, Yogyakarta, h. 148.

<sup>6</sup>Preliyanto Puji Utomo, 2020, Application of Law Number 22 of 2009 as an Effort to Overcome Traffic Accidents in the Legal Area of the Blora Police, Thesis, Unissula Semarang, <http://repository.unissula.ac.id/20436/5/bab%201.pdf>, accessed June 2, 2022.

see conditions in a country, then you only need to see whether the traffic is running safely, comfortably and in an orderly manner or vice versa. In traffic, the morale and behavior of road users can be seen, which can interpret the conditions or legal behavior of a country. Therefore, in realizing safe, comfortable, orderly and smooth traffic, it is necessary to have good state government institutions, fair law enforcement and adequate infrastructure and comprehensive supervision.<sup>7</sup>

Polri is a state tool that plays a role in maintaining public order and security, enforcing the law, and providing protection, protection and service to the community in the context of maintaining internal security. This is as mandated in Article 5 of Act No. 2 of 2002 concerning the Indonesian National Police. The task of the National Police is to foster security and public order or in other words to supervise the public so that things do not occur that can disrupt the smooth flow of traffic. In this case, in particular is the Traffic Unit (Satlantas).<sup>8</sup>

Within the jurisdiction of the Kendal Police, the level of traffic violations committed by drivers crossing the Kendal Pantura route is still quite high. This can be seen from the preliminary survey data at the Kendal Police Traffic Unit showing that in 2020 the number of fines reached 15,291 cases. Other data shows that during the 2022 Temple Safety Operation, from March 1 to March 14 there were 1,352 traffic violators in the Kendal Regency area, where violations were dominated by motorcyclists.<sup>9</sup> This shows that the level of traffic violations in the Kendal Police jurisdiction is still high. Various efforts to reduce the level of traffic violations have been carried out by the Kendal Police Traffic Unit, both pre-emptive, preventive and repressive efforts, but the level of violations is still high.

This study aims to analyze and find out the causes of traffic violations in the jurisdiction of the Kendal Police Traffic Unit (Satlantas), the efforts of the Kendal Police Traffic Unit to reduce the level of traffic violations and the obstacles faced by the Kendal Police Traffic Unit in reducing the level of traffic violations.

## **2. Research Methods**

This study uses a sociological juridical approach, namely research based on normative law (regulations) as well as observing the workings of these regulations

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<sup>7</sup>Soerjono Soekanto, 1990, *Police and Traffic Analysis According to Legal Sociology*, Mandar Maju, Bandung, p.1.

<sup>8</sup>Preliyanto Puji Utomo, Umar Ma'ruf and Bambang Tri Bawono, *Application Of Act No. 22 Of 2009 As A Traffic Accidents Countermeasures Management In The Blora Police Law Area*, *Jurnal Daulat Hukum*, Vol 3, Issue 2, June 2020, p. 260.

<sup>9</sup>Two Weeks of Operation Kendal Police Net 1352 Traffic Offenders, <https://radarsemarang.jawapos.com>, accessed June 2, 2022.

in society.<sup>10</sup>The research specifications are analytical descriptive while the types of data used are primary data and secondary data. The data collection method was carried out by field studies and literature studies. Methods of data analysis using qualitative analysis.

### 3. Results and Discussion

#### 3.1. Causes of Traffic Violations in the Legal Area of the Traffic Unit (Satlantias) of Kendal

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Traffic violations are one of the problems that the government always faces. This is evidenced by the increasing number of traffic violations that cause traffic jams and even traffic accidents. Therefore, the national transportation system must develop its potential and role in realizing security, safety, order and smoothness of road traffic and transportation.<sup>11</sup>

In the jurisdiction of the Kendal Police Traffic Unit, the level of traffic violations is still relatively high. This was stated by the Kasatlantas Polres Kendal who stated that the number of traffic violations in the Kendal area was still quite high, and these violations were dominated by young people and were still in the productive age category. Most traffic violations are violations by not wearing a helmet, not wearing a seat belt, and going against traffic signs.<sup>12</sup>

The high level of traffic violations that have occurred in the jurisdiction of the Kendal Police Traffic Unit can be seen from the following table:

**Table 1** Traffic Violations Data for the Kendal Police Traffic Unit from 2019 to 2022

No	Year	Number of Violations
1	2019	24,237
2	2020	15,291

<sup>10</sup> Mukti Fajar ND and Yulianto Achmad, 2013, Dualism of Normative and Empirical Legal Research, Student Library, Yogyakarta, h. 47.

<sup>11</sup> Ogy Ramajuany At Harahap, The Role of the Traffic Unit Police in Improving Traffic Discipline Against Motorized Vehicle Drivers in the Legal Area of the Dumai Resort Police, JOM Faculty of Law, Volume IV Number 1, February 2017, p.2.

<sup>12</sup> Interview with AKP Rizky Widyo Pratomo, Head of Traffic Unit for Kendal Police, 19 August 2022.

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<b>3</b>	2021	6,319
<b>4</b>	until June 2022	7,296

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Source: Kendal Police Traffic Unit, 2022

The high level of traffic violations in the jurisdiction of the Kendal Police Traffic Unit is caused by several factors, namely:<sup>13</sup>

1. Lack of awareness from the public in traffic

The cultural behavior of road users is one of the main factors that influence traffic conditions. Many people who behave obediently drive only when there is a police presence, whereas if there is no police guarding the road they can easily commit traffic violations.

2. Low understanding/knowledge in traffic

Traffic can run in an orderly manner if the driver understands and understands traffic rules, understands the meaning of road markings or traffic signs. However, many people do not understand traffic signs

3. Hurry on the way

One of the reasons motorists commit traffic violations is because they are in a hurry to travel. This has become a habit of the people, for example, when they want to go to work, but the time is too late.

4. bandwagon

Some people commit traffic violations because they see other drivers also committing traffic violations. For example, when the road conditions are jammed, one of the drivers climbs onto the sidewalk and another driver follows behind him.

Based on the description above, it can be seen that the cause of traffic violations comes from the human factor (the driver himself), namely the legal culture/legal culture in society. Legal culture concerns legal culture which is a human attitude towards law and the legal system. In this case the community does not have legal awareness to orderly traffic.

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<sup>13</sup>Ibid.

### **3.2. Efforts of the Kendal Police Traffic Unit (Satlantas) in Reducing the Level of Traffic Violations**

Efforts made by the Kendal Police Traffic Unit in reducing the level of traffic violations are as follows:<sup>14</sup>

#### 1. Preemptive efforts

Pre-emptive efforts are the initial efforts made by the Kendal Traffic Police in preventing traffic violations, by instilling the values of traffic rules so that they are internalized in a person. Pre-emptive efforts are carried out by outreach to the public regarding traffic rules, namely:

- a. Socialization in the school environment
- b. Outreach to the general public
- c. Dissemination of orderly traffic with the distribution of takjil ahead of Eid

#### 2. preventive efforts

Preventive efforts are intended to eliminate the opportunity for traffic violations to occur. This is in line with the provisions of Article 19 paragraph (2) of Act No. 2 of 2002 concerning Polri which states that Polri in carrying out its duties and authorities prioritizes preventive actions. The preventive efforts carried out by the Kendal Police Traffic Unit are as follows:

- a. Monitoring activities at guard posts and traffic management in areas prone to traffic violations

- a. Patrol
- b. Temple Obey Operation 2022
- c. Temple Salvation Operation 2022

#### 3. repressive efforts

Repressive efforts are efforts made after the occurrence of traffic violations with law enforcement and the imposition of sanctions on perpetrators of traffic violations. In this case the Kendal Police Traffic Unit acts as an investigator. This is as formulated in Article 259 paragraph (1) a of Act No. 22 of 2009 concerning Road

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<sup>14</sup>Interview with Iptu Danang C, as Head of Operations Development Head or KBO Traffic Unit of Kendal Police, 24 August 2022.

Traffic and Transportation which states that investigations into Traffic and Road Transportation crimes are carried out by Investigators from the Indonesian National Police. Traffic violations by the Klaten Police Traffic Unit are guided by Articles 267 to 169 of Act No. 22 of 2009 concerning Road Traffic and Transportation.

Repressive efforts in handling traffic violations at the Kendal Police Traffic Unit were carried out by ticketing via ETLE and ETLE mobile. For areas that are not covered by ETLE, ETLE mobile is used, namely by using special cell phones (mobile phones).

The efforts of the Kendal Police Traffic Unit in reducing the level of traffic violations can be said to be effective even though the level of traffic violations is still relatively high. Based on data on violations from 2018 to 2022, it has decreased, namely in 2018 the level of traffic violations reached 24,237 violations, in 2020 there were 15,291 violations, in 2021 there were a decrease of 6,319 violations, and until June 2022 the number of violations increased from the previous year, namely 7,296 violations.

The data shows a decrease in the number of traffic violations. Judging from Hans Kelsen's theory of legal effectiveness, the effectiveness of the enactment of a rule of law is if the rule is generally accepted by society in general. If there is one part of the rule of law that cannot be applied only to one particular case, it is an exception, it does not mean that the rule of law becomes an ineffective rule of law. Legal regulations related to traffic violations can basically be applied by the Kendal Police Unit in reducing the level of traffic violations, resulting in a decrease in the rate of traffic violations from 2018 to 2022.

### **3.3. Obstacles Faced by the Kendall Police Traffic Unit (Satlantas) in Reducing the Rate of Traffic Violations and Their Solutions**

The obstacles faced by the Kendal Traffic Police Traffic Unit in reducing the level of traffic violations can be described in the table as follows following :

**Table 2**

#### **Obstacles and Solutions in Reducing the Rate of Traffic Violations at the Kendal Police Station from 2019 to 2022**

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<b>No</b>	<b>Obstacle</b>	<b>Solution</b>
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<b>1</b>	The level of public legal awareness is still low	Dissemination of orderly traffic both in schools and in the general public.
<b>2</b>	There are some violators who do not want to be fined	Give explanations to the public/offenders politely and not provoked by anger
<b>3</b>	In the enforcement of ETLE tickets, there were several vehicles that had changed ownership	Block the STNK and when the vehicle owner is about to pay the vehicle tax, he is notified that his motorized vehicle has been blocked by his STNK and is asked to complete payment of a fine first.
<b>4</b>	There is still a habit/culture of peace with police officers in resolving traffic violations.	The Kendal Police Traffic Unit continues to strive to instill a culture of orderly traffic through outreach activities to the community.

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Based on the description above, it can be seen that the obstacles faced by the Kendal Police Traffic Unit in suppressing the level of traffic violations are in accordance with law enforcement theory. This is as stated by Soerjono Soekanto who stated that pThe essence of law enforcement actually lies in the factors that influence it, namely the following legal factors themselves, law enforcement factors, infrastructure and facilities factors, community factors and cultural factors.<sup>15</sup>In this case the dominant factors that inhibit are factors from society and community culture.

#### **4. Conclusion**

The cause of traffic violations in the jurisdiction of the Kendal Police Traffic Unit (Satlantas) comes from the human factor, namely due to people's non-compliance with traffic regulations. The efforts of the Kendal Police Traffic Unit in reducing the

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<sup>15</sup>Ibid., p.9



level of traffic violations are through pre-emptive efforts, namely socialization, preventive efforts with patrols and operations, while repressive efforts with fines for traffic violators. The obstacles faced by the Kendal Police Traffic Unit in reducing the level of traffic violations are that the level of public legal awareness is still low, there are some offenders who commit violations who do not want to be fined, in the enforcement of ETLE fines there are several vehicles that have changed ownership.

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