

For all of 2008, the Town of Kiawah Island Municipal Court handled 165 traffic and town ordinance cases, down from 207 in 2007, due principally to a decline in traffic-related volumes (127 cases). There were 284 total cases in 2006; 359 in 2005; 303 in 2004 and 185 in 2003. For the third year in a row, there was a modest drop in town ordinance violations, due primarily to continually improving administrative and court procedures involving business license violations. There were only 14 license violations in 2008 along with 14 parking tickets and 10 "quality of life" offenses, including underage drinking; misdemeanor drug possession; disorderly conduct; dog and noise violations.

The Charleston County Sheriff's Deputies reported 246 traffic contacts during 2008, up from 197 contacts in 2007. There were 348 contacts in 2006. This year, like in 2007, nearly 60% of all contacts resulted in a citation being issued while the remaining received a written warning.

On the business end of the court, \$10,000 of fines were collected in 2008. Court expenses were \$5,500, all but \$1,000 related to a software update. At the end of the year, the town's Victim's Assistance Fund, funded by a portion of fines and assessments levied against defendants, totaled over \$12,000. In the court's 13 year history, nothing has been paid from the Fund. For information on Victim's Assistance Funds go to: <http://www.oepp.sc.gov/sova/index.html>

For all you want to know about TOKI Municipal Court's jurisdiction, case types and volumes, statistical trends and "Court Jottings", visit the Town's website at www.kiawahisland.org and click on "Municipal Court" under "Town Government."