

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) - The rapper DMX failed to show up in court Wednesday to face a bevy of bad-driving charges, and a judge who had granted him two postponements said she had had enough.

City Court Judge Barbara Leak issued an arrest warrant for DMX, whose real name is Earl Simmons and whose albums include "It's Dark and Hell Is Hot" and "Flesh of My Flesh, Blood of My Blood."

"We have granted him a number of courtesies," the judge said. "It ends now."

The rapper's lawyer, Stacey Murray, promised that he would come to court Thursday. She said DMX, 35, had flown to New York from Arizona for the court appearance but apparently became ill.

DMX was pulled over in White Plains on June 2 for speeding and making unsafe lane changes in a 2001 Chevrolet Suburban, police said. Once he was stopped, police said, officers found he was not wearing a seat belt and did not have a driver's license.

Nine days later, he was ticketed for driving a 2006 Suburban on the shoulder of the Hutchinson River Parkway in Harrison.

On June 16, police in Scottsdale, Ariz., cited him for carrying a concealed handgun outside a nightclub. They said he pulled the gun from a holster and put it under the front seat of his 1964 Chevrolet convertible.

Last month, the rapper was arrested in London after refusing to put on a seat belt and becoming abusive on a flight from New York, authorities said.

Last year, DMX served 70 days in jail for violating his parole following a 2004 incident in which he posed as an undercover federal agent and crashed his SUV through a security gate at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

A week after he pleaded guilty in that incident, state police accused him of driving over 100 mph on Interstate 684 in North Castle, in Westchester County.