

February 13th, 2023
Proponent Testimony on HB 2147
House Transportation Committee

HB2147 is concerning motor vehicles relating to abandoned or towed vehicles; requiring an individual or agency to acquire a certificate of title before selling an abandoned or towed vehicle.

To: House Committee on Transportation
From: Steve Denton President of Denton Auto Salvage

Mr. Chairman and Committee,

Thank you for the hearing on HB 2147 and for allowing me to testify.

HB 2147 would require that an abandoned or towed vehicle receive a title prior to being sold at public auction. Currently these abandoned or towed vehicles can be sold with a possessory lien affidavit and the tow lot is supposed to have all the required inspections and paperwork done prior to selling the vehicle at public auction.

This is not always the case. I am the owner of Denton Auto Salvage. We have stores in St. Marys and Carbondale Ks. In the past 3 years we have purchased 167 from 6 different tow lot auctions. Roughly half of those we could not get a title on our first attempt at the county courthouse. This was due to various reasons including, no proof of lien release, no paperwork indicating where the vehicle was picked up, or no inspection done by the highway patrol to get a Salvage or Highway title. Three particularly disturbing instances were when the highway patrol sent out 3 officers including their Captain because they thought I was trying to sell stolen vehicles when I asked them to come inspect 10 vehicle that we bought at a tow lot. After 3 hours I finally convinced them that I was not the problem. Another instance we bought a 2006 Jeep Commander and it took us 6 months to get a title, because the tow lot never got the lien release. The third concerning moment was when I was contacted by Fair Titling & Trust in Santa Monica Ca about a 2017 Ford Fusion that they saw we were selling parts online. They wanted to know how we were selling parts from a vehicle that they owned the title on. I informed them where I bought it and gave them their number. They told me I was not to sell any parts from it until they got back in touch with me. I had already sold ½ the parts off the car. I informed them that I purchased the vehicle legally and they would have to take it up with the tow lot.

On all the vehicles that we had problems getting titles on. The only reason we needed a title was to crush the car and turn the title in to KDOR as the proof of end of life. None of these vehicles were ever going to be back on the road. They use to allow us to send in the Bill Of Sale and possessory lien affidavit from the tow lot, but since the creation of MNVITUS. The KDOR will no longer accept that as the end of life paperwork. We don't buy vehicles from individuals off the street unless they have the title. The only time we buy any vehicle on a Bill of Sale is from a Tow Lot. If I can not legally own or even crush a car without the title, how can a tow lot sell me a car with just a Bill of Sale. By requiring the tow lot to acquire the title before selling us the vehicle would not put any undue financial burden on the tow lot. They are already supposed to have all the required paperwork and inspections done for us to get a title. They could then just charge us a fee for the cost of the title process.

Last year I testified on HB2294 which was last years version of this. During that hearing a lobbyist for the tow lots testified that these tow lots don't make any money off of these auctions. That they do this mostly

as a public service to get the vehicle off the roads. That statement is very misleading. I would estimate that 90% of the vehicles that are towed to the tow lots are picked up within 20 miles of the tow lot. Vehicles that were involved in a wreck or that need mechanical repairs get hauled to the body shops and service repair shops, not tow lots. At a \$85 hook up fee and \$4 a mile plus a 10% fuel surcharge that what equal about \$180 tow bill. The last 5 tow lot auctions I went to had anywhere from 15 to 45 cars for sale. The starting bid on all of them was between \$300 and \$500 per car depending on which auction it was. **If all they got was the starting bid they would have made a profit of at least \$120 per car** over what they normally get paid for the tow. **They make more money if the person doesn't pick up their car** than they would if they came to pick it up in 2 days. The cars that I buy are the mid to higher end cars. For the 167 cars that I bought at tow lots over the past 3 years I paid \$264,110. **That is \$1,581.49 per car.**

The tow lots are **already supposed** to be doing all the proper paper work and getting any inspections done in order for the buyer to get a title. If you require them to get an actual title before selling the vehicle the only extra work is taking all the paper work to the courthouse to get the titles. Then they can charge and extra \$50-75 per car for a title fee, **so it wont cost them a dime.** The biggest advantage to the state on this is that all the individual and small junk yard or chop shops will have a title for every vehicle they buy and the state can track it better. It also makes it fairer for professional auto recyclers like myself to compete with the businesses that aren't following the laws.

Some remedy to this situation needs to be considered as this has put undue stress, time constraints and financial burden chasing down these titles. Solely on the Recycling businesses who are trying to abide by the laws.

I am submitting three emails and documents between our business and the Pottawatomie county treasurers office as evidence of some of the problems that we encountered over the past 2 years. As well as an email that I sent to Representative Francis AwerKamp on 11-18-2020

Thank you again Mr. Chairman for the hearing and allowing me to submit testimony on behalf of HB 2147 and I'll happily stand for questions.

Respectfully,

Steve Denton,
President of Denton Auto Salvage

Steve Denton

From: Kelly Denton
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From: Rebekah Cook <rcook@Pottcounty.org>
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To: Kelly Denton <kelly@dentonauto.com>
Subject: Dealer Titles

Kelly,

I am able to process five of the seven dealer titles for you.

2007 Cadillac CTS VIN: 1G6DP577770176702 will need a Highway Patrol inspection done as the verification came back with the record not found.

2006 Jeep Commander VIN: 1J8HG48K06C358002-I need the certified mail receipt to the lienholder as the record shows a lien on file.

Do you want me to mail the two that I can't do back with receipts for the other five?

Let me know what you are wanting me to do.

Thanks



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Hello Again Gentleman,

It has been a while since I talked to either of you about the issue of tow lots selling cars without titles. First off I am just curious if anything new has happened on your end?

I got a disturbing call today from Zach at Fair Titring trust in Santa Monica California. He saw on line that I was in possession of a 2017 Ford Fusion VIN# 3F6APDK95HR130147 that they owned the title on. Wanted to know how I came in possession of it and how I was able to list parts on line for a car that I did not own. I informed him that I bought the vehicle at a tow lot auction at Mikes Wrecker Service in Manhattan Ks on 8-1-20. He wanted information on how Mikes Wrecker came into possession of it and why he never received a request for a lien release. I told him that we had the paperwork showing that we purchased the vehicle for \$1730 at the tow lot & that we applied for a title, but the county said we need to get vehicle inspection done since it is an out of state title. That was the only thing they said that was delaying us from getting a title. The Hi Way Patrol will only come do an inspection if we have 10 vehicles, so that has not happened yet. He said he would get in contact with Mikes wrecker to see what transpired. He would then get back with me to see if they wanted to get the vehicle back. I told him that would be tough since we have already dismantled it and sold parts off of it. I told him that when we bought the vehicle it was wrecked in the front and all down the passenger side, so I don't know what value they thought it would have. If they do want it back I will want the \$1750 I paid for the car and 3 months storage of \$30 a day and the tow bill.

I know we haven't talked about this lately, but this is a problem that isn't going to go away. Another Tow lot asked me to come buy cars at there tow lot sale. I informed them that I would prefer titles to all my cars or at the very least make sure all the inspections and paperwork are done correctly to get a title. We bought 10-12 vehicles there and 2 vehicles they said they were unable to get all the paperwork done on, so they wanted us to not do anything with them yet. With the Covid pandemic the insurance salvage auctions saw a 50%-70% decrease in cars availability at the auctions, so I have to buy more cars than normal from tow lots just to have some inventory.

FW: Titles



Kelly Denton
To: Steve Denton

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Wed 17/08/2015 2:48 PM

From: Rebekah Cook <rc@pottawatomie.org>
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2015 12:40 PM
To: Kelly Denton <kelly@dentonauto.com>
Subject: Titles

Kelly,

I am able to process seven of the 17 titles you left yesterday afternoon. I have put notes on the ones we need additional documents for.
I.e.: Odometer Discloser, Inspection, etc.

Do you want me to mail the ones back that I can't process or keep them until you come back? Our mail left at 10:00 this morning so they would leave here Monday morning.



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167 TOW LOT CARS PURCHASED OVER LAST 3 YEARS

vstockno	year	model	totalcost	currsales	profit	miles	body	damage	daysin
DU1065	2009	IMPALA	250	335	85	189	Sedan	Front	1145
AD3009	2010	FORD F150 PICKUP	2900	7522.5	4622.5	155	Pickup	Front	499
AD3010	2014	BMW 320i	2800	4500.98	1700.98	67	Sedan	Left Front	499
AD3011	2014	EQUINOX	500	860	360	136	Utility	Front	499
DU3030	2007	SILVERADO 1500 PICKU	1150	2589.18	1439.18	178	Pickup	Front	460
AD1447	1994	MUSTANG	365	1645	1280	111	Convertibl	Right Fron	990
AD1448	2014	FRONTIER	1815	3270	1455	72	Pickup	Front	990
AD1449	1998	CHEVROLET 1500 PICK	440	680	240	200	Pickup	Rusted	990
AD1450	1989	GMC 1500 PICKUP	435	1388	953	110	Pickup	Unknown	990
AD1451	2001	CR-V	515	1005	490	199	Utility	Left Side	990
AD1452	2007	YARIS	315	1270	955	190	Sedan	Left Side	990
AD1562	2007	MAZDA CX-7	1340	2720	1380	144	Utility	Unknown	926
AD1563	2001	NAVIGATOR	900	718	-182	171	Utility	Unknown	926
DU1135	2003	BONNEVILLE	410	895	485	200	Sedan	Unknown	926
DU1136	1999	DODGE 1500 PICKUP	480	2400	1920	178	Pickup	Unknown	926
DU1137	2001	DURANGO	410	2253	1843	178	Utility	Unknown	923
DU3172	2008	TOWN & COUNTRY	950	1920	970	200	Van	Front	273
DU3174	2003	YUKON XL 1500	750	1497	747	200	Utility	Unknown	273
DU3175	1998	CHEVROLET 1500 PICK	900	806.84	-93.16	199	Pickup	Unknown	273
DU3176	2007	TAHOE	800	2040	1240	200	Utility	Unknown	273
AD1554	2017	FUSION	1750	4995.5	3245.5	78	Sedan	Left Front	923
DU1046	2003	ESCAPE	380	2065	1685	155	Utility	Hail	1162
DU1047	2008	G6	370	576.77	206.77	167	Sedan	Bad Engin	1162
DU1049	2000	BLAZER S10/JIMMY S15	440	1143	703	178	Utility	Front	1158
DU1050	1997	RANGER	410	1865.83	1455.83	172	Pickup	Right Side	1158
DU1051	2010	LEXUS IS250	1395	4715.97	3320.97	148	Sedan	Rear	1158
DU1074	2015	FOCUS	910	0	-910	156	Sedan	Unknown	1117
DU2007	2012	SONATA	860	2415	1555	140	Sedan	Unknown	798
DU2008	2008	VERACRUZ	1500	3905	2405	156	Utility	Unknown	798
DU2009	1998	MAZDA B-2500	510	1120	610	167	Pickup	Unknown	798
DU2010	1995	SUBURBAN 1500	510	1510	1000	191	Utility	Unknown	798
DU2011	1994	CHEVROLET 1500 PICK	650	1280	630	178	Pickup	Unknown	798
DU2025	2001	BEETLE	450	577.5	127.5	178	Hatchback	Unknown	681
DU2026	2003	DAKOTA	770	820	50	199	Pickup	Unknown	681
DU2027	2000	YUKON	680	2535	1855	200	Utility	Unknown	681
DU2028	2008	SPECTRA	670	1405	735	178	Sedan	Unknown	681
DU2105	1995	FORD F150 PICKUP	475	2577.49	2102.49	157	Pickup	Front	552
DU2106	2002	SILVERADO 1500 PICKU	675	1535	860	189	Pickup	Front	552
DU2107	2009	AURA	625	1430	805	200	Sedan	Front	552
DU2108	1998	CIVIC	550	1790	1240	57	Sedan	Front	552
DU2109	2002	ESCAPE	600	1415	815	197	Utility	Right Rea	552
DU2110	2001	ESCAPE	700	1352	652	122	Utility	Front	552
DU2111	2005	LEGACY	800	430	-370	200	Utility	Bad Engin	552
DU2112	2007	CIVIC	750	910	160	189	Sedan	Bad Engin	552
DU2113	2006	TRAILBLAZER	750	2370	1620	138	Utility	Front	552
DU2114	1999	LEXUS RX300	550	1825	1275	200	Utility	Unknown	552
DU3056	2010	ODYSSEY	1310	3902.5	2592.5	164	Van	Unknown	436
DU3160	1995	SAFARI (GMC)	550	1155	605	179	Van	Unknown	317
DU3161	2005	CAVALIER	875	845	-30	120	Coupe	Unknown	317
DU4049	2014	JETTA	1000	985	-15	177	Sedan	Front	67
DU4050	2006	MUSTANG	2375	2317.47	-57.53	125	Convertibl	Bad Trans	66

DU4051	1997	CHEVROLET 1500 PICK	600	0	-600	200	Pickup	Front	67
DU4052	2002	CAMRY	800	2125	1325	120	Sedan	Left Rear	66
DU4053	2006	ZEPHYR	725	135	-590	178	Sedan	Front	66
AD1533	2012	RIO	1480	1925	445	81	Hatchback	Unknown	936
AD1534	2013	SONATA	2270	3710	1440	56	Sedan	Unknown	936
AD1535	2013	RIO	1605	2550	945	65	Sedan	Unknown	936
AD1536	2013	FOCUS	1765	2995	1230	106	Sedan	Unknown	936
AD1537	2009	MALIBU	1455	2565	1110	108	Sedan	Unknown	936
AD1538	2012	FOCUS	1440	2695	1255	138	Sedan	Unknown	936
AD1543	2004	CIVIC	905	1455	550	180	Sedan	Unknown	936
AD1544	2007	ESCALADE	4390	6199.23	1809.23	193	Utility	Unknown	936
AD1545	2005	EXPLORER	1105	2340	1235	118	Utility	Unknown	936
AD1546	2013	JOURNEY	2085	2029.98	-55.02	41	Utility	Unknown	936
AD2040	2011	MERCEDES C-CLASS	2060	3228.5	1168.5	99	Sedan	Unknown	844
AD2041	2009	JOURNEY	1335	1770	435	178	Utility	Front	844
AD3163	2007	MERCEDES GL-CLASS	2200	3380.5	1180.5	160	Utility	Unknown	404
AD3164	2016	MUSTANG	2695	5446.99	2751.99	66	Coupe	Unknown	404
AD3502	2011	TAURUS	2520	1478.49	-1041.51	169	Sedan	Unknown	195
AD3503	2006	YUKON XL 1500	1250	0	-1250	189	Utility	Unknown	195
AD3519	2017	RAV4	3940	2411	-1529	39	Utility	Unknown	195
AD3520	2014	FOCUS	1235	2842	1607	105	Sedan	Unknown	195
AD3521	2017	CIVIC	5015	5742	727	55	Sedan	Unknown	195
AD3522	2019	FIESTA	1525	2482.97	957.97	23	Hatchback	Unknown	195
AD3523	2016	RIO	1790	3235.87	1445.87	96	Sedan	Unknown	195
AD3524	2009	TOWN & COUNTRY	835	2920	2085	126	Van	Unknown	195
AD3525	2015	ALTIMA	2365	1859.49	-505.51	126	Sedan	Unknown	195
AD3526	2012	CAPTIVA SPORT	3070	3395	325	90	Utility	Unknown	195
AD3527	2007	300	300	1555	1555	151	Sedan	Unknown	195
AD3528	2014	FOCUS	1085	1810	725	144	Hatchback	Unknown	195
AD3539	2008	ENVOY	1445	1900	455	130	Utility	Unknown	180
AD3540	2013	FORD F150 PICKUP	5365	5113.38	-251.62	156	Pickup	Front	180
AD3541	2011	COROLLA	1385	2860	1475	81	Sedan	Unknown	180
AD3542	2008	TAURUS X	2145	1944.26	-200.74	114	Utility	Unknown	180
AD3573	2019	ROGUE	2050	5277.5	3227.5	97	Utility	Unknown	173
AD3574	2017	ALTIMA	2190	4238	2048	98	Sedan	Unknown	173
AD3575	2014	LEGACY	3225	4058	833	144	Utility	Unknown	173
AD3576	2011	ENCLAVE	1765	4358.5	2593.5	126	Utility	Unknown	173
AD3577	2013	FUSION	2920	2448.5	-471.5	148	Sedan	Unknown	173
AD4001	2013	XTS	1195	3399.98	2204.98	35	Sedan	Unknown	135
AD4002	2005	TUNDRA	1740	2410	670	200	Pickup	Unknown	135
AD4003	2014	FORTE	1835	1400	-435	87	Sedan	Unknown	135
AD4004	2011	SIERRA 1500 PICKUP	4585	4152.5	-432.5	198	Pickup	Unknown	135
AD4005	2007	RAV4	3050	2135	-915	136	Utility	Unknown	135
AD4006	2014	EQUINOX	2685	4782	2097	145	Utility	Unknown	135
AD4007	2012	FIESTA	1450	391.75	-1058.25	156	Sedan	Unknown	135
AD4008	2005	DODGE 3500 PICKUP	4960	12735	7775	185	Pickup	Front	135
AD4009	2011	TL	2205	4687.23	2482.23	200	Sedan	Unknown	135
AD4010	2014	ESCAPE	3075	3130	55	129	Utility	Front	135
AD4011	2019	CARAVAN	4515	4687.49	172.49	72	Van	Unknown	135
AD4026	2012	FUSION	1515	1050	-465	183	Sedan	Unknown	128
AD4124	2006	LEXUS IS250	1585	195	-1390	183	Sedan	Front	61
AD4125	2000	WRANGLER	3135	1883.24	-1251.76	122	Utility	Unknown	48
AD4126	2011	ACCORD	1105	515	-590	180	Sedan	Right Side	61

AD4143	2014	CAMRY	2005	1571.49	-433.51	191	Sedan	Front	61
AD4144	2013	DART	2040	1890	-150	132	Sedan	Unknown	61
AD4145	2011	JUKE	1300	65	-1235	110	Utility	Unknown	61
AD4146	2006	FORD F350SD PICKUP	2230	7003.24	4773.24	188	Pickup	Left Side	61
AD4147	2013	FORTE	1590	0	-1590	92	Sedan	Unknown	61
AD4222	2016	PATHFINDER	3015	55	-2960	143	Utility	Front	19
AD4223	2015	ENCLAVE	2575	395	-2180	85	Utility	Front	19
AD4224	2017	TERRAIN	2820	150	-2670	84	Utility	Unknown	19
AD4228	2012	FORD F250SD PICKUP	4605	75	-4530	168	Pickup	Rear	11
AD4229	2012	CAMRY	2835	0	-2835	134	Sedan	Rear	11
AD4230	2017	FUSION	4805	129.24	-4675.76	40	Sedan	Right Side	11
AD4231	2017	SILVERADO 1500 PICKUP	4485	0	-4485	189	Pickup	Unknown	11
DU3025	2008	INFINITI G35	1085	3010.72	1925.72	178	Sedan	Unknown	465
DU3035	2015	COROLLA	2500	4766.64	2266.64	56	Sedan	Unknown	481
DU3036	2015	HIGHLANDER	10270	18982.27	8712.27	101	Utility	Unknown	481
DU3070	2005	FORD F150 PICKUP	1600	3802.5	2202.5	113	Pickup	Left Front	404
DU3071	2012	CRUZE	800	2572	1772	96	Sedan	Front	404
DU3103	2012	200	980	1970	990	133	Sedan	Front	356
DU3104	2011	HHR	1260	1290	30	133	Utility	Front	356
DU3105	2003	AVALANCHE 1500	2130	3350	1220	171	Pickup	Front	356
DU3106	2009	DTS	1120	1638.5	518.5	151	Sedan	Front	356
DU3107	2011	COMPASS	800	925	125	156	Utility	Front	356
DU3165	2014	PATHFINDER	2985	4361.5	1376.5	138	Utility	Left Side	285
DU3166	2008	PATHFINDER	1715	1780	65	200	Utility	Bad Trans	285
DU3167	2007	ACCORD	1385	2600.37	1215.37	103	Sedan	Unknown	285
DU3168	2016	SCION IA	925	2719.91	1794.91	76	Sedan	Unknown	285
DU3169	2007	RAV4	2200	3130	930	185	Utility	Unknown	285
DU3229	2006	ODYSSEY	1015	804.99	-210.01	200	Van	Unknown	199
DU3230	2001	DURANGO	735	2995	2260	125	Utility	Unknown	199
DU3231	1990	GMC 1500 PICKUP	935	1435	500	189	Pickup	Unknown	199
DU3232	2009	COBALT	775	360	-415	102	Sedan	Unknown	199
DU3235	2008	MAZDA TRIBUTE	1055	1571.99	516.99	199	Utility	Unknown	195
DU3236	2009	FLEX	2060	2585.74	525.74	171	Utility	Unknown	195
DU3237	2007	EDGE	1650	2275	625	136	Utility	Unknown	195
DU3241	2012	MAZDA 6	1095	762.5	-332.5	110	Sedan	Unknown	195
DU3242	2006	300	875	1730	855	200	Sedan	Unknown	195
DU3248	2016	COMPASS	1140	2710	1570	108	Utility	Unknown	180
DU3249	2003	EXPEDITION	975	1157.5	182.5	185	Utility	Unknown	180
DU3253	2010	MAZDA CX-7	920	1025	105	178	Utility	Unknown	181
DU3254	2016	FOCUS	940	2715	1775	78	Sedan	Unknown	181
DU3255	2009	ALTIMA	820	945	125	161	Sedan	Unknown	181
DU3256	2014	JETTA	1100	3827.22	2727.22	141	Sedan	Unknown	181
DU3257	2011	MALIBU	890	1698	808	64	Sedan	Unknown	173
DU3258	2015	SENTRA	1625	2692.5	1067.5	70	Sedan	Unknown	173
DU3259	2016	ENCORE	1975	3382.49	1407.49	78	Utility	Unknown	173
DU4001	2006	EXPEDITION	735	255	-480	200	Utility	Unknown	135
DU4002	2010	VERSA	735	530	-205	126	Sedan	Unknown	135
DU4003	2014	SONIC	955	115	-840	142	Sedan	Front	135
DU4004	2007	LEXUS GS450H	865	607.23	-257.77	179	Sedan	Unknown	135
DU4005	2005	SILVERADO 1500 PICKUP	1165	3085	1920	170	Pickup	Unknown	135
DU4006	2003	FORD F150 PICKUP	765	2237.5	1472.5	143	Pickup	Unknown	135
DU4007	2002	CAMRY	795	1301	506	174	Sedan	Front	135
DU4008	2017	FOCUS	1055	3315	2260	66	Sedan	Front	135

DU4009	2008	SENTRA	935	1665	730	127	Sedan	Left Side	135
DU4043	2002	SILVERADO 1500 PICKU	945	890	-55	180	Pickup	Front	61
DU4044	2012	EXPLORER	955	1529.99	574.99	161	Utility	Front	61
DU4045	2010	MURANO	955	810	-145	189	Utility	Front	61
DU4046	2014	CARAVAN	1315	75	-1240	200	Van	Unknown	61
DU4047	2010	SANTA FE	975	2033.75	1058.75	120	Utility	Unknown	61
DU4048	2016	TAURUS	955	414.98	-540.02	108	Sedan	Front	61
DU4083	2011	DURANGO	3080	1485	-1595	144	Utility	Front	12
DU4084	2017	CIVIC	1085	225	-860	181	Hatchback	Front	12
DU4085	2012	MAZDA 3	965	235	-730	157	Sedan	Front	12
TOTAL COST			\$ 264,110.00						
FOR TOW LOT CARS									

Kelly Denton

From: Rebekah Cook <rcook@Pottcounty.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 11:25 AM
To: Kelly Denton
Subject: RE: Dealer Titles
Attachments: Denton.pdf

Kelly,

Attached is one of the forms that was in the packet. It has an address listed for Westlake Financial.



Rebekah Cook, Motor Vehicle Supervisor
Pottawatomie County Treasurer's Office
207 N 1st St, PO Box 158 Westmoreland, KS 66549
Phone: 785-457-3681 Fax: 785-457-3740

From: Kelly Denton [mailto:kelly@dentonauto.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 10:52 AM
To: Rebekah Cook <rcook@Pottcounty.org>
Subject: RE: Dealer Titles

According to Manhattan Wrecker there was no address to send to the lienholder. She contacted the State of Kansas and they said it was ok for her to only send it to the individual.

Kelly Denton



Title Snapshot

Title Nbr:	AA7504134	Date Of Application:	03/23/2018	VIN/HIN:	1J8HG48K06C358002	Transfer Reason:	
Year:	2006	Make:	JEEP	Model:	Commander	Style:	UT
County/Organization:	Riley	Title Type:	Regular	Title Status Date:	03/23/2018		
Odometer:	129,105 Miles Actual	Unladen Weight/Material:	4783	Owner Tracking Nbr:		Customer Number:	9280671
Class:	022	Purchased Date:	01/12/2018	Print Date:		Usage Type:	Regular

Owner(s) Name and Address:
Goff, Jonte DeRay
1605 Hillcrest Dr Apt 27
Manhattan, KS 665022415

Mail To:
Jonte DeRay Goff
1605 Hillcrest Dr Apt 27
Manhattan, KS 66502 USA

This vehicle has following Previous Owner:
Melendez, Diana Castro
436 NE Sumner St
Topeka, KS 666161340

This vehicle/vessel is subject to the following security interest(s):

1st Security Interest		If there are NO Security Interests "X" here: <input type="checkbox"/>
Date Added:	01/30/2018	
Held By:	Westlake Financial Services	Tracking Nbr: 89X01242618
Address:	PO Box 997592 Sacramento, CA 95899	

2nd Security Interest

Date Added:		Tracking Nbr:
Held By:		
Address:		

This vehicle has following Transfer on Death Designees:

This vehicle has following Designations:

Replacement Title:	No	Created By:	rcrlmab	Document ID:		Electronic:	Yes
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Denton Auto Salvage Inc.
501 Mt. Calvary
PO. Box D
Saint Marys, Ks 66536
785-437-2223
785-437-2225 (fax)

Autoland Parts Inc.
14580 S Topoka
Carbondale, KS 66414
785-342-8450
785-836-7542 (fax)

kelly@dentonauto.com

From: Rebekah Cook [<mailto:rccook@Potcountty.org>]
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 10:36 AM
To: Kelly Denton <kelly@dentonauto.com>
Subject: Dealer Titles

Kelly,

I am able to process five of the seven dealer titles for you.

2007 Cadillac CTS VIN: 1G6DP577770176702 will need a Highway Patrol Inspection done as the verification came back with the record not found.

2006 Jeep Commander VIN: 1J8HG48K06C358002-I need the certified mail receipt to the lienholder as the record shows a lien on file.

Do you want me to mail the two that I can't do back with receipts for the other five?

Let me know what you are wanting me to do.

Thanks



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RE: tow lot sales



Francis Awerkamp <fawerkamp@gmail.com>
To: Steve Denton, Steve Kearney

Forward
Reply All
Reply
11/16/2020 2:14 PM

On Wed, Nov 18, 2020 at 1:56 PM Francis Awerkamp <Francis.Awerkamp@house.ks.gov> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Steve@dentonauto.com" <steve@dentonauto.com>
Date: November 18, 2020 at 1:34:48 PM CST
To: Francis Awerkamp <Francis.Awerkamp@house.ks.gov>
Cc: Steve Kearney <steve@kearneyandassociates.com>
Subject: tow lot sales

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Hello Again Gentleman,

It has been a while since I talked to either of you about the issue of tow lots selling cars without titles. First off I am just curious if anything new has happened on your end?

I got a disturbing call today from Zach at Fair Titring trust in Santa Monica California. He saw on line that I was in possession of a 2017 Ford Fusion VIN# 3F6APDK95HR130147 that they owned the title on. Wanted to know how I came in possession of it and how I was able to list parts on line for a car that I did not own. I informed him that I bought the vehicle at a tow lot auction at Mikes Wrecker Service in Manhattan Ks on 8-1-20. He wanted information on how Mikes Wrecker came into possession of it and why he never received a request for a lien release. I told him that we had the paperwork showing that we purchased the vehicle for \$1730 at the tow lot & that we applied for a title, but the county said we need to get vehicle inspection done since it is an out of state title. That was the only thing they said that was delaying us from getting a title. The Hi Way Patrol will only come do an inspection if we have 10 vehicles, so that has not happened yet. He said he would get in contact with Mikes wrecker to see what transpired. He would then get back with me to see if they wanted to get the vehicle back. I told him that would be tough since we have already dismantled it and sold parts off of it. I told him that when we bought the vehicle it was wrecked in the front and all down the passenger side, so I don't know what value they thought it would have. If they do want it back I will want the \$1750 I paid for the car and 3 months storage of \$30 a day and the tow bill.

I know we haven't talked about this lately, but this is a problem that isn't going to go away. Another Tow lot asked me to come buy cars at there tow lot sale. I informed them that I would prefer titles to all my cars or at the very least make sure all the inspections and paperwork are done correctly to get a title. We bought 10-12 vehicles there and 2 vehicles they said they were unable to get all the paperwork done on, so they wanted us to not do anything with them yet. With the Covid pandemic the insurance salvage auctions saw a 50%-70% decrease in cars availability at the auctions, so I have to buy more cars than normal from tow lots just to have some inventory.