



SCOFFLAW NOTICE

Effective October 1, 2010 the Cameron County Tax Assessor-Collector Motor Vehicle Division will deny the vehicle registration renewal of individuals who have outstanding traffic fines due with any **Cameron County Justice of the Peace Court** or any of the following municipalities:

- City of Brownsville
- City of Harlingen
- City of Port Isabel
- Town of Laguna Vista
- City of Los Fresnos
- City of San Benito
- Town of South Padre Island

This is part of the Scofflaw Program which, according to the Texas Transportation Codes 702.003 and 502.185, allows the Tax Assessor Collector's Office to deny vehicle registration to an individual who has an unpaid fine, fee, or tax to Cameron County or a Municipality, or fails to appear in connection with a complaint, citation, information, or indictment. People who have made arrangements to pay or have paid their fines in full will be issued a release form from the corresponding entity so that their vehicle registration may be renewed at the Cameron County Tax Office at any Branch office location.



BUYERS BEWARE!

CONSUMERS BE CAUTIOUS

WHEN PURCHASING A MOTOR VEHICLE



The Cameron County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office, the Cameron County Automobile Crimes Enforcement Task Force, and the South Texas Auto Theft Enforcement Task Force urge consumers to be cautious when purchasing a motor vehicle. In order to register a Motor Vehicle in Cameron County, Texas, the following conditions must be satisfied:

1. The vehicle title must be registered in the name of the seller.
2. Purchaser and seller must each sign both the title and the title application form (Form 130-U is available at the Cameron County Tax Office or at www.tx.mvd.gov).
3. A bill of sale, invoice, or purchase order (for out of state vehicles).
4. A copy of buyer's current drivers license will be required.
5. Proof of current automobile insurance will be required. If the registration is not current, there may be a registration fee.
6. Vehicles bought from anyone other than a licensed car dealer are subject to sales tax on the vehicle's Standard Presumptive Value.

When purchasing a vehicle from a licensed Texas dealer, the dealer is required to complete all the paperwork necessary to title and register the vehicle in your name within 20 business days of the date you purchased the vehicle.

Be especially cautious when purchasing a vehicle from an individual. A consumer who buys a vehicle from a person that is not a licensed Texas dealer runs a risk that:

- The vehicle may be stolen;
- The vehicle may be a salvaged, reconditioned, or flood damaged vehicle;
- The vehicle may have a rolled-back odometer;
- You may not be able to get a clear title;
- The vehicle may have a lienholder who has not been paid;
- Vehicle may have been sold for export only.

For more information contact the CCACETF at 956-544-0800, or to report a stolen vehicle phone our Hotline at 956-574-8162, Crime Stoppers at 956-350-5551, Toll Free at 1-866-350-5551, or 956-548-TIPS

