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MEMORANDUM

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TO: ALL COUNTY LICENSE PLATE ISSUING OFFICIALS

FROM: Mike Gamble, Vehicle Services Manager
Motor Vehicle Division 

SUBJECT: Undercover License Plates for Federally-Owned Vehicles

Currently, federal law enforcement personnel requesting undercover license plates for government-owned vehicles are only required to present the County License Plate Issuing Official with a written statement from the individual's supervisor in order to obtain the license plate. The department or agency owning the vehicle is not notified. As a result, many federal government license plates previously issued for vehicles are unaccounted for.

Effective immediately, County License Plate Issuing Officials should request a copy of the Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO) from federal law enforcement personnel requesting undercover license plates. Note: This documentation is in addition to the written statement on agency letterhead from the individual's supervisor. This will ensure that federal departments and agencies are aware of undercover license plate requests, allowing for better accountability of the federal government license plates.

Attached you will find a letter dated February 5, 2008, from Jill Zlogar, Director of GSA Fleet, regarding this matter. GSA Fleet leases vehicles to various federal government agencies that occasionally require undercover license plates.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Vehicle Services Section at (334) 242-9006.

Attachment

C: Jill Zlogar, Director
GSA Fleet



GSA Southeast Sunbelt Region

February 5, 2008

Mr. Mike Gamble
Alabama Department of Revenue
Motor Vehicle Division
Vehicle Services Section
P.O. Box 327630
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Dear Mike,

This letter is a follow-up to our conversation last Friday regarding the process for obtaining Alabama state license plates for Federal GSA Fleet vehicles.

GSA Fleet owns and manages over 200,000 Federal vehicles worldwide. They are leased to numerous Federal agencies to support their various missions. Some of our customer agencies have missions that require the use of undercover state tags, instead of using the Federal GSA tags.

Currently, our customer agencies can obtain Alabama state tags from your county tag offices by providing them a notarized letter from their agency. The result is that GSA Fleet, as the owner of the vehicles, has no knowledge of the purchase of these state tags and cannot put that information in our database. Further we have no knowledge that the Federal tags were removed and thus no accountability for those tags. The loss of GSA tags has been the subject of several audits due to security issues involving access to restricted areas that the use of Federal tags may allow.

Other states in the Southeast require that anyone requesting state plates for GSA Fleet vehicles provide a copy of the Certificate of Origin for that vehicle before they are issued state tags. A Certificate of Origin is issued for all Federal vehicles by vehicle manufacturers since Federal vehicles are exempt from state titles. This requirement thus mandates that our customer agencies requiring state tags come to GSA Fleet to obtain the Certificate of Origin. This provides GSA with the knowledge of state tag issuance and assists in our control and accountability of the Federal GSA tags.

This process has worked well in other states and we would like to request that this same process be instituted in all the County Offices in Alabama.

I also want to give you contact information for our GSA Fleet Manager who is responsible for the GSA vehicles operated in Alabama. His name is Jeff Burdo; he can be reached at 850-581-2036 and may be contacted on any issues that may arise concerning GSA Fleet vehicles.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions. My phone number is 404-331-5150. I look forward to hearing from you on this subject.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Zlogar".

Bill Zlogar
Director, GSA Fleet
GSA Southeast Sunbelt Region

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