

5-01/100.00 - Recovered Vehicles

When another agency's stolen vehicle is recovered by this Department, a "locate" message to the Stolen Vehicle System (SVS) is required. The originating agency will "clear" the vehicle in SVS as "recovered."

When a Sheriff's stolen vehicle is recovered by a station/unit other than the one making the SVS stolen vehicle entry, the record shall be "cleared" in SVS.

Whether a "locate" or a "clear" update, a message shall be sent to the station/unit or agency reporting the stolen advising of the recovery and all pertinent information regarding the condition of the vehicle, e.g., where recovered, stored, suspects, component parts missing, investigating detective to be contacted at recovering station/unit, etc.

Recovered-stolen vehicles shall be impounded in the following situations:

- Hold for prints;
- Vehicle involved in another crime;
- A hold has been placed in SVS;
- The handling deputy feels that there is investigative and/or evidentiary cause to impound the vehicle; and/or
- The vehicle has been stripped of major identifiable parts and is six years old or less.

In all other situations, recoveredâ€™stolen vehicles shall be stored. Procedures for handling recoveredâ€™stolen vehicles are covered in the subsections which follow.
