

87-002 Disposal of Abandoned Vehicles Valued at \$100 or Less Stored Pursuant to 22669 C.V.C.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

FIELD OPERATIONS DIRECTIVE

Field Operations Support Services



DISPOSAL OF ABANDONED VEHICLES VALUED AT \$100 OR LESS STORED PURSUANT TO 22669 C.V.C.

Purpose

State law imposes procedures which allow tow companies to dispose of abandoned vehicles valued at \$100 or less that have been stored by stations pursuant to 22669 C.V.C. This law frees storage space in long term storage yards and prevents the financial losses heretofore incurred on cars that have been stored for long periods.

Field Procedures

When a vehicle is stored as abandoned pursuant to 22669 C.V.C, it shall have been posted with a Notice of Intent to Store (SH-CR-101) at least 72 hours prior to removal. When the CHP-180 to effect storage is completed, it shall contain the notation "72-Hour Notice Posted - Vehicle Valued at \$100 or Less" in the remarks section.

Notification to Owner

The registered owner and legal owner, and any other known interested person (latest release of liability) shall be immediately notified of the removal and storage, but in all cases no later than 48 hours from the time of storage. The notification shall consist of SH-R-126 or approved overlay of CHP-180 form mailed first class U.S. Mail.

The notification shall contain:

- Name, address, and telephone number of unit.
- Present location of vehicle.
- The authority and purpose of the removal.
- A statement that the vehicle will be disposed of 15 days from the date of notice.
- Notice of right to hearing (Stypmann) form SH-R-407) attached.

The distribution of SH-R-126 or CHP-180 overlay is as follows:

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- One copy mailed first class to the registered owner.
- Copy, including CLETS/DMV printout, delivered to the tow company.
- Copy to the legal owner when different than the registered owner.
- Copy to station file.

Each station Detective Bureau shall maintain a log which lists the date of the notice, to whom it was sent, the vehicle description, and the URN.

Disposal of Vehicle

If after 15 days from the notification date the vehicle remains unclaimed and the towing/storage fees have not been paid nor has a Stypmann hearing been requested, the tow company shall provide a copy of the statement of facts (DMV form Reg 686A) to the station requesting disposal. It shall be placed into the report file.

The station Detective Commander shall designate the deputy who shall inspect the vehicle and complete the authorization to dispose (DMV form Reg 462) lines 1 through 11. The yellow copy shall be stapled to the station file copy of the CHP-

180. The white and pink copy shall be retained by the tow company and given to the auto dismantler.

When a stored abandoned vehicle valued at \$100 or less has "No Record on File," the station may authorize immediate disposal using form Reg 462 as above.

Note: This procedure applies to vehicles valued at \$100 or less only. Such estimates shall be made on the vehicle as a complete unit. Values on individual parts shall not be considered.
