

## Vehicle Return Letter

To legally withdraw consent from the person who is in possession of your motor vehicle, you are required to send a letter to that person. That letter should include the following:

1. An accurate and complete description of the circumstances under which the property was obtained from you;
2. An accurate and complete description of the property which you own and desire returned;
3. An affirmative demand that either you be allowed to take possession of the property at the place where it is presently located or the property be returned, or that you be compensated for the full present market value of the property; and
4. That if one of these demands is not satisfied within ten (10) days of receipt of the letter, the matter will be turned over to the Corpus Christi Police Department for whatever action is deemed appropriate.

The letter must be sent certified mail, return receipt requested.

After you either received the receipt in the mail, or the letter has been returned to you, contact the Auto Theft Desk Sgt. at (361) 886-2840 for an appointment and be prepared to bring with you:

1. **A copy of the letter,**
2. **The receipt from the post office (generally green), or**
3. **The unopened letter, should it be returned to you for any reason, and**
4. **Proof of ownership or right of possession (Title)**

If questions arise or you wish to discuss the matter with the Auto Theft Desk Sergeant, please call between 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday,

**UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE FORM**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/ZIP

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

You are hereby notified that a motor vehicle in your possession, described as follows:

| Year | Make | Model | Style | Color |
|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
|------|------|-------|-------|-------|

| License No. | State | Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) |
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is owned by \_\_\_\_\_. I am the lawful owner. You are instructed to return the motor vehicle to me within 10 days of your receipt of this notice or felony charges may be filed with the Corpus Christi Police Department.

**1.** Return the motor vehicle to me **OR** **2.** Tell me the whereabouts of the above vehicle so that I may go and take possession of it **OR** **3.** You can fully compensate me for the full present market value of the above vehicle. The current market value of the above vehicle is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

**TEXAS PENAL CODE 31.07 UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE**

- (a) A person commits an offense if he intentionally or knowingly operates another's boat, airplane, or motor propelled vehicle without the effective consent of the owner.**
- (b) An offense under this section is a state jail felony.**

An individual adjudged guilty of a state jail felony shall be punished by confinement in a state jail for any term of more than two years or less than 180 days. In addition to confinement, an individual adjudged guilty of a state jail felony may be punished by a fine not to exceed \$10,000. (Texas Penal Code 12.35)