



**U.S. Department of Justice**

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Dear NMVTIS Reporting Entities:

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) appreciates your efforts to accurately and promptly report junk and salvage (including total loss) automobiles to the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) as required by federal law. Such efforts provide essential information for commercial and private consumers when making decisions on purchasing used automobiles.

The NMVTIS statute, 49 U.S.C. § 30504(a), requires junk and salvage yard operators to report an inventory of all junk automobiles or salvage automobiles obtained by the junk yard or salvage yard during the prior month, and that inventory shall include "a statement of whether the automobile was crushed or disposed of for sale or other purposes."

Effective May 10, 2023, under the direction of BJA, the NMVTIS system operator (American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators) has updated the NMVTIS disposition menu to include "Dismantled For Parts" and "Owner Retained."

Dismantled For Parts is defined as: Automobile has been rendered inoperable for on-road use, is available for parts, but has not been scrapped, crushed, or sold. Owner Retained is defined as: Reported automobile was subsequently retained by owner.

This notice is to inform reporting entities of this update. We encourage you to submit timely and accurate information once the disposition is known.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karlton F. Moore".

Karlton F. Moore  
Director