

Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission Report By ADR Staff

Commissioner Steve Ross convened the September 8, 2015, session of the Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission (UMV&PC). Following roll call and approval of the August 2015 meeting minutes, Ross called on Commission Director John Maile for his report.

Commission Director Maile reported that staff was continuing to perform random audits on used car dealers. He stated they had found the value of doing the audits and intended to continue doing them through the end of the month. They will resume the audits next year.

Chief Investigator John Lancaster informed the Commissioners that the investigators had completed 27 dealership inspections and had handled 32 complaints: 11 title issues, four contract violations, two mechanical issues, 13 miscellaneous, and one advertising. Lancaster also reported that the staff performed 43 dealership audits in August. Audited dealers who had issues that needed to be corrected are being required to attend the dealer education class.

Lancaster noted that the Marshall County District Attorney had filed felony charges against John and Stephanie Morgan for obtaining money by false pretenses. The Morgan's had been operating as used car dealers and had been ordered to cease and desist their operation, but failed to stop. Lancaster reported that it was difficult to track the Morgan's actions since they put the titles in the names of various individuals. The District Attorney has reported that he wants full restitution for the victims that have been harmed. A September 17 court hearing date has been set.

The Commissioners approved a consent agreement with Michael Moran, a member of RCM Motors, LLC; Owen Riggs, a member of RCM Motors, LLC, (both licensed used motor vehicle dealers); and Lionel "Gene" Wingfield and Keith Cleghorn, both licensed used motor vehicle salespersons. The consent agreement was subject to review and approval by the Attorney General.

The Commission assessed a \$4,000 fine against Reza Mazrouee, an individual, Hassan Marzouee and Legends Auto Sales, LLC, a licensed used motor vehicle dealer, for allegedly employing unlicensed salespersons.

Information hearings involving the following dealerships were held in August:

- Superior Auto Salvage
- Southwest Car Sales
- Iron Lightning
- Best Way Auto

Thirty-four dealers attended the on-site education program in August. Applicants for a new license and dealers involved in significant rule violations are required to attend the Commission's on-site education program as a part of acquiring or maintaining a state license. These education sessions are being held in the conference room at 2401 NW 23, Oklahoma City. Classes are held on Monday prior to the Commission meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. The sessions run from 9 a.m. to about noon or 1 p.m. You are asked to make reservations so staff can be prepared to accommodate you. Call the Commission at 405-521-3600 to make your reservations.