OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

OPERATIONS NOTICE NO. 11 **December 9, 2009**

SUBJECT: CHANGE IN LAW REGARDING LEGAL OWNER RELEASES ON 30-DAY HOLD VEHICLES

EFFECTIVE: IMMEDIATELY

Effective January 1, 2007, Section 14602.6(f)(3) of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) was amended regarding the documents a legal owner (L/O) or repossession agent is required to present in order to obtain an L/O release of a vehicle on a 30-day hold. This change has impacted Department policy regarding vehicle repossessions as stated in Operations Order No. 16, titled *Unlicensed Drivers and Vehicle Impound Procedures*, dated December 12, 2005.

The procedure listed in Operations Order No. 16, page 11, under sub-section C, titled *Rental and Leased Vehicles or Vehicle Repossessions*, first and second asterisks, **shall** be revised as follows:

* A copy of the assignment, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 7500.1 of the Business and Professions Code; and,
* A certificate of repossession for the vehicle, or a security agreement for the vehicle, or title showing proof of legal ownership for the vehicle.

Pursuant to Section 7502 of the Business and Professions Code, Department personnel should request the repossession agent to present a vehicle repossession agency license before releasing the vehicle to a repossession agent. All other 30-day hold vehicle release procedures remain unchanged.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Traffic Coordination Section, Emergency Operations Division, at (213) 847-1630.

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