

Bulletin

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Bulletin: All Dealers and Title Service Agencies

From: Central Operations Vehicle Services Division

## RE: Missing and Stolen George Certificate of Titles

In September 2007, the Georgia Department of Revenue reported 12,000 blank Georgia title certificates were stolen and missing. The serial numbers listed below are printed on the bottom of the title certificate. These titles are an older style of the Georgia title which was 8.5" x 7" in dimension. Beginning late 2018, Georgia changed to a full-size stock certificate which is 8.5" x 11" in dimension.

These blank stolen Georgia title certificates continue to be presented to motor vehicle agencies with complete vehicle information in an attempt to transfer the title to a new title. Many times these title certificates contain accurate title numbers and other vehicle information that matches NMVTIS records. If the title issuance date of a smaller size Georgia title certificate is dated 2019 or newer, it should be considered suspicious and further investigated.

These stolen and missing Georgia title certificates are normally used in an attempt to obtain title for a stolen vehicle. If one of the Georgia title certificates is discovered, title issuance should be stopped and the application investigated. Be advised the customer may or may not be aware of the stolen title status. Also, it is likely the VIN displayed on the stolen title certificate will not reflect a stolen vehicle status when NMVTIS is checked.

## **Stolen and Missing Georgia Title Certificates Serial numbers**

- 22756001 22760000
- 22792001 22796000
- 22828001 22832000

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