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**Registration and Title Bulletin # 012-16
Policy and Procedure**

TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

SUBJECT: **Third Party Verifications for Motor Vehicles with Texas Records**

PURPOSE

To provide you guidance on third party title and registration verifications submitted in conjunction with foreclosure liens for motor vehicles with Texas motor vehicle records.

DETAILS

The Texas statutes that govern foreclosure liens require title and/or registration verification from the state in which the motor vehicle is titled and/or registered.

County tax assessor-collectors have the discretion to accept third party verifications when the owner's and lienholder's (if any) name and address match the current Registration and Title System (RTS) record. The fact that the verification is from a third party is not a reason for rejection when it matches the RTS record at the time of application.

Registration and Title Bulletin #021-14, "Notification Requirements for Miscellaneous Lien Foreclosures," does not apply to third party verifications.

COUNTY ACTION

If the third party verification matches the RTS record and the county tax assessor-collector has accepted the third party verification, the county tax assessor-collector must process a vehicle inquiry and attach the inquiry printout to the application when processing the foreclosure lien. The inquiry will confirm the third party verification and the current RTS record match at the time of transfer. However, the transaction is not acceptable if the RTS record and the third party verification do not match.

CONTACT

If you have any questions, please contact your local Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Regional Service Center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeremiah Kuntz".

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