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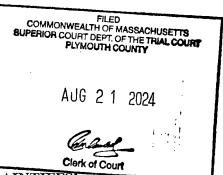
Plaintiffs,

v

MASSACHUSETTS REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES,

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2483CV00646



# DEFENDANT'S OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND/OR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

#### INTRODUCTION

Plaintiffs, which include three tow companies, Direnzo Towing and Recovery, Inc. ("DTR"), All-Wayz Towing and Transport, Inc. ("All-Wayz"), and Christopher's Emergency Equipment & Towing, Inc. ("Christopher's") ("Tow Company Plaintiffs") along with a towing industry association, Statewide Towing Association, Inc. ("Statewide"), and a vehicle lien processing company, Auto Impound Solutions, LLC ("AIS") ("Non-Tow Company Plaintiffs") (collectively, "Plaintiffs") attempt to restrain Defendant Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles ("Registry") from ensuring that Plaintiffs stop their unlawful and fraudulent practices of violating G.L. c. 225, § 39A by (1) applying it to ineligible vehicles resulting in the involuntary transfer of title to such vehicles without obtaining court orders for such transfers, (2) attempting to disguise these practices with non-compliant documentation, and (3) engaging in a pattern and

### II. Statutes Applicable to Different Types of Vehicle Tows.

Under Massachusetts law, vehicle tows are divided into three different categories governed by three different statutory procedures.

### A. "Police or Public Authority Ordered Involuntary Accident Tows"

G.L. c. 255, § 39A governs tows ordered by police officers or officials authorized by the Registry and requires (1) an order to tow from the scene of an accident by a police officer or a person authorized by the Registry to order such tows, (2) at the time of the tow the officer giving the garage the name and address of the registered owner and, if the information is not readily available, the officer obtaining such information and notifing the garage of it in writing "forthwith", (3) a tow slip be provided to the garage by the officer, (4) an immediate first notice to the title owner, (5) a second/final notice with a twenty-one day right to cure to the title owner no sooner than sixty days after the vehicle is towed, and (6) after expiration of the twenty-one day cure period, publication in a newspaper of an impending sale for three consecutive weeks in the town or city where the property is stored, and notice to the local police chief where the vehicle is being garaged. It also permits the tow company to charge a daily storage fee at the prevailing rate. *Id.* G.L. c. 159B, § 6B<sup>2</sup> expands the involuntary sale/transfer process under

Since at least 1909, Massachusetts courts have interpreted "forthwith" to mean immediately, without delay, and as soon as possible. See Everson v. Gen. Fire & Life Assur. Corp., Ltd., of Perth, Scotland, 202 Mass. 169, 174 (1909) ("The policy required that, in case of accident, written notice thereof should be sent to the defendant 'as soon as may be possible.' There is no substantial difference in the meaning of these words and 'forthwith' or 'immediate'."); Com. v. Bouchard, 347 Mass. 418, 420 (1964) ("The word 'forthwith' has been construed to be synonymous with 'as soon as may be' and 'immediate."). See also Dana v. Wildey Sav. Bank, 294 Mass. 462, 466 (1936) (immediately can only mean forthwith and without any period of postponement.).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> G.L. c. 159B, § 6b applies to "vehicles [that] have been involuntarily towed or transported pursuant to order of police or other public authority, or pursuant to accident on a public way, pursuant to [G.L. c. 255, § 39A], or when said vehicles have been stolen or misappropriated and (footnote continued)

§ 39A from police ordered tows from the scene of an accident to all police/public authority tows from a public way. Collectively, these police ordered tows are hereafter referred to as "Police Tows."

### B. "Involuntary Private-Way Tows"

G.L. c. 266, § 120D applies to "a motor vehicle which is parked or standing on a private way or upon improved or enclosed property [and] the operator of such vehicle has been forbidden so to park or stand, either directly or by posted notice, by the person who has lawful control of such way or property." Section 120D requires consent to tow from the owner or notice to the chief of police or designee in the city or town prior to the tow. Nothing in G.L. c. 266, § 120D allows for the enforcement of the lien on a vehicle towed and stored through an involuntary sale and title transfer process without a court order. Rather, if an owner does not reclaim their vehicle and pay the storage fee, the lienholder must either hold the vehicle in perpetuity or, more likely, it will obtain a court order authorizing the transfer of title pursuant to the sale of the vehicle.

### C. Voluntarily Stored Vehicles

The third statute addresses the owner voluntarily leaving the vehicle for repair or storage and then failing to pick up the vehicle or pay for work they consented to be done on the vehicle.

G.L. c. 255, § 25 states that "[p]ersons maintaining public garages for the storage and care of motor vehicles brought to their premises or placed in their care by or with the consent of the owners thereof and persons engaged in performing work upon or in connection with the

their removal from public ways has been ordered by police or other public authority, or in any other situation where motor vehicles have been involuntarily towed or transported by order of police or other public authority. ... The motor vehicle storage facility shall have a lien for its proper transportation and storage charges due them for the towing, transportation and storage of motor vehicles, pursuant to this section. Said lien may be enforced under the sale provisions of [G.L. c. 255, § 39A]."

inspection, reconditioning and repairing of motor vehicles shall have a lien upon such motor vehicles for proper charges due them for the storage, work and care of the same." A lien under Section 25 is enforced by G.L. c. 255, § 26, which requires the lien holder to first obtain a court order before selling the vehicle and involuntarily transferring title to the buyer. *See id.* (stating lien holder must "bring a civil action in the superior court or in a district court within the jurisdiction of which the plaintiff resides or has his usual place of business to have the property sold to satisfy the debt.").

Title transfers involving Involuntary Private-Way Tows and Voluntarily Stored Vehicles are hereafter referred to as "Court Order Tows."

## III. Plaintiffs' Submission of Ineligible Vehicles Incorrectly Identified as Police Tows Under G.L. c. 255, § 39A.

In early 2024, the Registry became aware of an increase in the number of § 39A title transfer applications being submitted by tow companies and title processors, including Tow Company Plaintiffs, that appeared to be fraudulent and unlawful under G.L. c. 255, § 39A in at least four ways. *See* Affidavit ("Aff.") of Jennifer Ridolfi ("Ridolfi Aff.") at Exhibit ("Ex.") A; Affidavit of James Dilisio ("Dilisio Aff."), Ex. B, ¶ 2.

In May 2024, the RMV reviewed the 200 involuntary title transfers of Police Tows processed at the Registry from February 22, 2024, through May 3, 2024, to determine the quality of documentation being submitted by tow companies and whether the submitted documents were sufficient for a Police Tow title transfer under G.L. c. 255, § 39A. *Id.* at ¶ 6. In its review, the Registry found the following:

Of the 200 tows, 177 tows had documentation showing both the date of tow and the date of first notice to the owner. Of those, 70 tows, approximately 40%, had documentation showing notice was provided within the first seven (7) days after the tow occurred; 41 tows, approximately 23%, had documentation showing first notice between eight (8) and 29 days after the tow occurred; 37 tows, approximately 21%, provided first notice between 30 and 99 days; and 29 tows, approximately 16%, provided first notice more than 100 days after the tow occurred. *Id.* at ¶ 7.

- Of the 200, 71 tows, approximately 40%, submitted certified mail proof that was found to have been undeliverable. *Id.* at ¶ 8.
- Out of 129 transactions, where it was specially noted if proof of tow was provided, there were 101 instances of no proof of tow provided. *Id.* at ¶ 9.
- Within the review, the Registry noted the following problematic documents within the transactions: proof of tow was rarely provided, copies of newspaper ads were often unreadable and therefore unverifiable, the correct Chief of Police was not notified, and proof of tow indicated a private Court Order Tow, not a Police Tow. *Id.* at ¶ 10.
- Of the 200 tow transactions reviewed, only about 30 tow transactions, or 15% of all tow transactions in that time-period, could have been approved as compliant with proper paperwork and timeframe requirements under G.L. c. 255, § 39A. *Id.* at ¶ 11.

In summary, only a small percentage of title transfers submitted under G.L. c. 255, § 39A actually qualified for title transfer under that statute, and tow companies were violating § 39A in several ways.<sup>3</sup> First, they were applying § 39A to Court Order Tows instead of using the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In their affidavits, Statewide does not identify a single title transfer application affected by the Bulletin, *see* Plaintiffs' Ex. 3. AIS identifies only 4 transfer applications submitted after the Bulletin issued and which allegedly were affected by the Bulletin, *see* Plaintiffs' Ex. 4, ¶ 22(a)
(footnote continued)

applicable Court Order Tow statutes. This allowed tow companies to avoid the expense and time of getting a court order for the sale and transfer of title. Second, they were submitting incomplete, insufficient, and incorrect documentation that made it unlikely, if not impossible, for service clerks at Registry locations to easily discover these noncompliant applications for title transfers under § 39A. Third, tow companies were unreasonably delaying complying with § 39A's existing notice requirements.

In addition, the Registry also became aware that once a Registry location's employees rejected applications from certain tow companies as non-compliant, the tow companies would not correct the applications but resubmit them to a new Registry location in an apparent attempt to circumvent the rejection. Dilosio Aff., Ex. B, ¶ 9.

Collectively, these practices allowed tow companies to store vehicles for unreasonably long periods of time, running up storage fees for owners/consumers to exorbitant levels, and to avoid court scrutiny of sales and title transfers.

By way of example of these practices, on May 23, 2022, Christopher's towed a 2013 Ford Fiesta with 112,667 miles on the odometer. It then stored the vehicle for 296 days for a total storage fee of \$10,360. On April 10, 2023, it sold the vehicle for \$2,500. See Ex. C. If Christopher's had accessed the Registry's online database of owners' names on the same date as the tow, see supra, pp. 11-12, and given the owner timely notice of the tow from that date, the

<sup>(</sup>ct) [sic]. DTR does not identify a single transfer application rejected by the Registry after issuance of the Bulletin, see Plaintiffs' Ex. 5, ¶ 15(a). All-Wayz identifies just 1 transfer application that was rejected after the Bulletin, see Ex. 6, ¶ 15(a). Lastly, Christopher's identifies 10 applications that it asserts were rejected, all allegedly for reasons not set forth in G.L. c. 255, § 39A, see Plaintiffs' Ex. 7, ¶ 15. However, as noted supra, pp. 11-12, the Registry has, in fact, approved the majority of Christopher's recent twelve title transfer applications submitted pursuant to § 39A.

owner could have paid a fraction of the \$10,360 storage fee and recovered their vehicle prior to its sale. See Ex. C.

### IV. The Police Tows Bulletin

After its review of improper past transfers under § 39A, on May 20, 2024,<sup>4</sup> the Registry issued a Bulletin entitled "Title Transfers for Involuntarily Towed Vehicles" to protect the public by preventing unlawful, fraudulent, unscrupulous, and harmful practices of tow companies misusing § 39A as described *supra*, pp. 5-8. *See* Bulletin, Ex. D. The Bulletin does so by minimally clarifying the documentation and notices required for the Registry to verify that tow companies are lawfully and properly applying § 39A *only* to Police Tows.

The Bulletin does not do anything other than require tow companies to present clear documentation that is necessary to permit the Registry to ensure that only Police Tow title transfer applications are being submitted to, and approved by, the Registry under § 39A. It also clarifies the notice requirements in § 39A, most importantly by specifying that the first notice of the tow must be provided to the owner within 7 days of the tow. The notice requirements in the Bulletin also ensure that only *reasonable* storage fees are being charged under § 39A by timely informing owners of the need to pay the storage fee soon after their vehicle is placed into storage.

Given that the Bulletin was caused and necessitated by tow companies' own practices, including the Tow Company Plaintiffs' fraudulent use of § 39A for Court Order Tows and their improper delays in following the notice procedures in G.L. c. 255, § 39A that subjected owners/consumers to exorbitant storage fees in the thousands of dollars, the Bulletin can hardly

Plaintiffs also take issue with the Bulletin's statement that it is "effective immediately" claiming that phrase is confusing as to pending title transfer applications. The Registry intends for "effective immediately" to mean that the Bulletin will apply to title transfer applications submitted to the Registry after the Bulletin's May 20, 2024 date. See Dilisio Aff. Ex. B, ¶ 12.

be called arbitrary, capricious, unreasonable, impractical, harmful, and/or not otherwise permitted by G.L. c. 255, § 39A.

### **ARGUMENT**

### I. The Preliminary Injunction Criteria.

An injunction is an "extraordinary remedy." Winter v. Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc., 555 U.S. 7, 24 (2008). As such, "the significant remedy of a preliminary injunction should not be granted unless the plaintiff[] [makes] a clear showing of entitlement thereto." Student No. 9 v. Board of Educ., 440 Mass. 752, 762 (2004).

Plaintiffs are not entitled to preliminary injunctive relief unless they show: "(1) a likelihood of success on the merits; (2) that irreparable harm will result from denial of the injunction; and (3) that, in light of the [moving party's] likelihood of success on the merits, the risk of irreparable harm to the [moving party] outweighs the potential harm to the [nonmoving party] in granting the injunction." Loyal Order of Moose, Inc., Yarmouth Lodge #2270 v. Board of Health of Yarmouth, 439 Mass. 597, 601 (2003) (quoting Tri-Nel Mgt., Inc. v. Board of Health of Barnstable, 433 Mass. 217, 219 (2001)); see also Packaging Industries Group, Inc. v. Cheney, 380 Mass. 609, 616 (1980) (moving party required to show that absent the requested injunction it "may suffer a loss of rights that cannot be vindicated should it prevail after a full hearing on the merits.") In addition, because Plaintiffs seek "to enjoin governmental action, the [Court] must also consider whether the grant of an injunction would adversely affect the public interest."

Student No. 9, 440 Mass. at 762.

Because Plaintiffs' motion fails at every step of the preliminary injunction analysis, it must be denied.

II. Plaintiffs Have Not Shown a Likelihood of Success on the Merits of Their Claims.
The first factor of the above-stated test is the "sine qua non of a preliminary injunction."

Arborjet, Inc. v. Rainbow Treecare Sci. Advancements, Inc., 794 F.3d 168, 173 (1st Cir. 2015). "If the moving party cannot demonstrate that he is likely to succeed in his quest, the remaining factors become matters of idle curiosity." Id. (internal quotations omitted). And the last two factors – balance of hardships and promotion of the public interest – "merge when the Government is the opposing party." Nken v. Holder, 556 U.S. 418, 435 (2009).

Here, Plaintiffs' requests for relief must be denied because their claims are without legal merit.

Because § 39A can result in a consumer losing ownership of their vehicle without a court order, the Registry has a duty to ensure § 39A is only used on Police Tows. *Ostric v. Bd. of Appeal on Motor Vehicle Liab. Pol'ys & Bonds*, 361 Mass. 459, 462 (1972) ("The registrar has broad powers of regulation of motor vehicle matters").

The Registry therefore exercised its authority to prevent abuse of § 39A<sup>5</sup>. According to the Registry's review of 200 recent applications for title transfers under § 39A, *see* Ridolphi Aff., Ex. A, ¶¶ 6-11, these abuses include tow companies purposely and deliberately violating § 39A to involuntarily transfer title to Court Order Tows to avoid seeking a court order for the same; submitting inadequate documentation in an attempt to hide these unlawful transfers from the Registry; and failing for long periods of time to provide three different notices to owners as expressly required in § 39A. These abuses result in owners unnecessarily losing title to their vehicles without court orders and tow companies deliberately running up ridiculously high storage fees that, as the example of the Chirstopher's tow shows, can far exceed the sales price of the vehicle. *See supra*, p. 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Plaintiffs do not contest that the Registry lacks authority to enforce G.L. c. 255, s 39A. And because § 39A can result in a consumer losing ownership of their vehicle without a court order, the Registry has a duty to ensure § 39A is only used on Police Tows.

In light of these practices, the Registry's efforts to prevent tow companies' misuse of § 39A by issuance of the Bulletin is hardly arbitrary, capricious, unreasonable, or prohibited by G.L. c. 255, § 39A. Given that the Registry has a duty to enforce § 39A and protect the public by preventing the statute's abuse by tow companies, including Plaintiffs, the Registry clearly is not impermissibly regulating the towing industry and tortiously interfering with Plaintiffs' businesses via its refusal to process title transfers for Court Order Tows under G.L. c. 255, § 39A. Compl. at ¶¶ 113, 140.

Plaintiffs' assertion that the Bulletin's requirement to provide first notice to an owner of a Police Towed vehicle within 7 days of that tow cannot be done in that time, which then makes it impossible for them to comply with the rest of the Bulletin's notice and timing clarifications, is disingenuous if not downright misleading. As Plaintiffs know, the Registry maintains electronic records including information on all vehicles registered and/or titled in Massachusetts and ownership information. Aff. of Karyn Foley ("Foly Aff."), Ex. E, at ¶ 3. Tow companies are allowed to access this Registry information to provide notice to the owners of towed or impounded vehicles, and are allowed to look up owners' information, including names and addresses ("Registry Tow Program"). *Id.* at ¶¶ 4 and 8.

Currently there are 29 tow companies and 2 third-party facilitators who are enrolled in the Registry Tow Program and have access to real-time vehicle and ownership information. *Id.* at ¶ 6. All Plaintiffs, except All-Wayz, have requested and received access to the Registry Tow Program database and can access real-time owner information of Massachusetts registered vehicles. All-Wayz has not requested access to this database. *Id.* at ¶ 7. This database allows tow companies to easily provide written notice to owners of any towed vehicle registered in Massachusetts, including Police Tows, on the day the vehicle is towed, and certainly within 7 days of the tow. *Id.* at ¶ 8. The Bulletin's 7-day notice period clearly does not create any

impediment to tow companies complying with the remainder of the Bulletin's timelines for notices.<sup>6</sup>

Moreover, requiring clearer notice times and documentation to prevent Plaintiffs from misusing § 39A and preventing fraud pursuant to that statute is not an impermissible usurpation of the legislative process. *See* Compl., ¶¶ 114, 141. The Registry has a duty to enforce § 39A and ensure that it is only being used for true Police Tows. The Bulletin seeks only to ensure that tow companies prove they are lawfully using G.L. c. 255, § 39A to involuntarily transfer title to Police Tows, and not to tows that require a court order for such a transfer. It also is carefully targeted at preventing unscrupulous tow companies from delaying to act under § 39A to unnecessarily run up exorbitant storage fees for owners/consumers.

Because Plaintiffs have no likelihood of success on the merits, the Court need not even consider the other preliminary injunction factors, which are mere matters of "idle curiosity." *Arborjet*, 794 F.3d at 173.<sup>7</sup> But, even if the Court deems it necessary to consider the other factors, they tip decisively against the injunction and declaratory judgment requests.

### III. The Plaintiffs Have Not Shown Any Harm, Let Alone Irreparable Harm.

"[T]he measure of irreparable harm is not a rigid one; it has been referred to as a sliding scale, working in conjunction with a moving party's likelihood of success on the merits."

Vaqueria Tres Montijas Inc. v. Irizarry, 587 F.3d 464, 485 (1st Cir. 2009). Here, where the likelihood of success is low to nonexistent, Plaintiffs' assertions of harm are insufficient.

Plaintiffs have failed to identify any actual harm, let alone harm that is legally "irreparable" and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> With out-of-state vehicles, tow companies may contact the registration authorities in those states and use VIN numbers to obtain ownership information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Similarly, where, as here, "the movant fails to demonstrate a likelihood of success on the merits, the remaining elements [of the preliminary injunction inquiry] are of little consequence." *Akebia Therapeutics, Inc. v. Azar*, 976 F.3d 86, 92 (1st Cir. 2020).

not economic in nature. *Id.* ("it has long been held that traditional economic damages can be remedied by compensatory awards, and thus do not rise to the level of being irreparable").

As an initial matter, it simply is not true that the Registry is harming Plaintiffs by preventing them from transferring titles pursuant to G.L. c. 255, § 39A. Registry records reflect that despite Plaintiffs' assertions to the contrary, the Registry is approving Plaintiffs' § 39A transfer applications at a greater rate than they are being rejected. In this regard, of 12 recent § 39A title transfer applications submitted by Plaintiff Christopher's, the Registry has approved 7 and rejected only 5 since May 7, 2024. The 5 were rejected for various reasons, including the incorrect owner being notified, the incorrect chief of police being notified, and one where the vehicle was retitled in New Hampshire right after the tow date. *See* Ridolphi Aff., Ex. A, ¶ 12. None of these rejections had anything to do with the content in the Bulletin.

The economic harms to Plaintiffs— purportedly the need to lease more storage space, or the loss of storage fees if forced to provide reasonable notices under § 39A, or the need to incur expenses of getting court orders for the transfer of title for Court Order Tows—are not the sort of harm that may give rise to injunctive relief. *See Micro Networks Corp. v. HIG Hightec, Inc.*, 188 F. Supp. 2d 18, 22 (D. Mass. 2002) (monetary injury "does not constitute irreparable harm").

Moreover, Plaintiffs' assertions that tow companies are experiencing backlogs of vehicles and are running out of storage space are not supported by *any* numbers, data, statistics, or evidence of such backlogs provided by Plaintiffs. Indeed, each of Plaintiffs' affidavits contains only the identical conclusory statement that "As a result of the [Bulletin, tow companies] are beginning to experience a backlog of involuntarily towed vehicles at their storage facilities and are running out of storage space." *See* Plaintiffs' Ex. 3, ¶ 49; Ex. 4, ¶ 18; and Exs. 5-7, ¶ 16. Bald and conclusory statements like this do not show any harm, let alone irreparable harm.

Furthermore, Plaintiffs' speculation that the Bulletin will cause the Registry to stop approving title transfers under § 39A, which will in turn stop tow companies from towing damaged and abandoned vehicles, lacks merit. Plaintiffs' Memorandum of Law in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and/or Preliminary Injunction ("Plaintiffs' Memo.") at p. 17. For one thing, as the 12 recent Christopher's Police Tows demonstrate, the Registry is approving the vast number of properly submitted title transfer applications under § 39A. Moreover, out of 538 tow companies performing involuntary tows in Massachusetts, only the three Tow Company Plaintiffs have taken issue with the Bulletin. Because there is profit to be made towing and storing vehicles and the Bulletin does not impose burdensome requirements, as shown by Christopher's successful transfer of 7 out of 12 § 39A applications, even under the Bulletin hundreds of other tow companies can and will comply with it and continue to perform proper Police Tows.

Because the Plaintiffs demonstrate no cognizable form of irreparable harm, an injunction may not enter.

#### IV. The Balance of Harms Favors the Commonwealth.

The Court also must consider "the considerable harm that an emergency injunction would cause," and the public's interest in maintaining the "status quo," against any harm that would follow from granting the motion. Respect Maine PAC v. McKee, 622 F.3d 13, 16 (1st Cir. 2010).

The Transportation Oversight Division of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) regulates the involuntary towing operations of towing companies in Massachusetts. It maintains a list of companies that currently perform involuntary tows. See <a href="https://www.mass.gov/info-details/towing-companies-regulated-by-the-department-of-public-utilities-dpu">https://www.mass.gov/info-details/towing-companies-regulated-by-the-department-of-public-utilities-dpu</a>. The DPU spreadsheet at Ex. F lists 538 tow companies performing involuntary tows in Massachusetts as of June 2024.

Plaintiffs assert, again in conclusory fashion, that the Registry is rejecting their Police Tow title transfer applications and, therefore, they are harmed by a backlog of vehicles and cannot find or lease additional storage space.

As discussed *supra*, p. 14, the Registry is approving Police Tows even after the Bulletin's issuance. Accordingly, Plaintiffs' allegation that they will be harmed by the creation of a backlog in vehicles lacks merit.

On the other hand, preventing owners/consumers from losing title to Court Order Tows without a court order and incurring exorbitant storage fees is a public interest that far outweighs any harm identified that Plaintiffs might, but did not, quantify in the record. *Cheney*, 380 Mass. at 617 ("What matters as to each party is not the raw amount of irreparable harm the party might conceivably suffer, but rather the risk of such harm in light of the party's chance of success on the merits.").

### V. The Public Interest Supports Denying Injunctive Relief.

Finally, the public interest strongly supports denying injunctive relief in this case.

Where the dispute involves a governmental defendant, "a judge is required to determine that the requested order promotes the public interest, or, alternatively, that the equitable relief will not adversely affect the public." *Mass. CRINC*, 392 Mass. 79, 89 (1984).

Here, even if Plaintiffs demonstrated a likelihood of success on the merits (which they have not, (see supra, pp. 9-12)), or irreparable harm from the Bulletin (which they have not, (see supra, pp. 12-14)), towing companies' unlawful use of § 39A results in the publics' loss of their vehicles without court orders and the incursion of substantial debt through unreasonably imposed storage fees. It is in the public interest to protect consumers from the loss of such a valuable asset as a vehicle and to avoid significant and unnecessary debt due to lengthy storage times.

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Enjoining the Bulletin during the pendency of this litigation would subject innocent consumers to the involuntary loss of ownership of their vehicles without a court order and artificially inflated storage fees running into the thousands of dollars. To protect against this harm, this Court should deny Plaintiffs' motion.

### **CONCLUSION**

For all of the reasons set forth herein, this Court should deny Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Julie A. Frohlich, certify that I have today filed this document through the Court's electronic document filing system, which constitutes service on Plaintiffs.

|s| Julie H. Frohlich

Julie A. Frohlich, Assistant Attorney General

Dated: August 21, 2024

## Exhibit A

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### AFFIDAVIT OF JENNIFER RIDOLFI

- I, Jennifer Ridolfi, hereby attest and state as follows:
- 1. I am a Program Coordinator III with the Registry of Motor Vehicles ("Registry").
- 2. I have been a Registry employee in the Title Division since 2000. My current primary job function routinely involves the review of title transactions of all types.
- 3. On or about April 17, 2024, I was contacted by the owner of a company who provides a service to tow companies by facilitating the completion of involuntary title transfers with the Registry. The company reported to me they had a situation on March 18, 2024, where nine (9) transactions at the Lawrence Service Center were held for review and that they dropped an additional four (4) transactions at the Wilmington Service Center on March 20, 2024, and those were also held for review. The owner was seeking information on the review and help resolving the matter. I forwarded the request to the Registry's Compliance and Legal Departments.
- 4. On or about May 6, 2024, I was asked by the Registry to conduct a lookback review of all involuntary tow transactions due to Registry concerns that vehicle change of ownership transactions were being presented as "police ordered tows" under M.G.L. c. 255, § 39A, when they did not qualify as such.

- As part of its record-keeping, the Registry maintains scanned documentation in its ATLAS
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Signed under pains and penalties of perjury,

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## Exhibit B

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Defendant.

### **AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES DILISIO**

- I, James DiLisio, hereby attest and state as follows:
- 1. I am the Assistant Registrar for Service Center Operations with the Registry of Motor Vehicles ("Registry").
- 2. I started with the Registry in 2016 as a District Manager. I have been in my current role since January of 2020. We would see involuntary police ordered tow transactions from time to time, but not in large volume. However, beginning in January of 2024 we began to see more of these transactions, and they were being rejected for incorrect paperwork or improper tows, which led to further scrutiny of the documentation being submitted.
- 3. On or about January 5, 2024, the Registry's Taunton Service Center received and processed paperwork for 11 police ordered involuntary title transfers under M.G.L. c. 255, § 39A.
- 4. On or about January 19, 2024, the tow company returned to Taunton Service Center with two previously rejected transactions. The paperwork was flagged by the Manager as altered from the previous submission of the same tow documents. I flagged this issue for the Registry's legal and compliance departments.
- 5. The District Manager and the Manager of the Taunton Service Center reviewed the company's recent tow transactions. That review revealed a clear and problematic practice by the company of submitting documentation under the involuntary transfer process

- pursuant to M.G.L. c. 255, § 39A for tows that were private trespass tows under M.G.L. c. 266, § 120D, which require a court order to transfer.
- 6. On or about January 25, 2024 a different tow company submitted paperwork for 7 involuntary title transfers to the Registry's New Bedford Service Center. Five (5) of the 7 transactions were rejected for improper paperwork and the remaining 2 were sent to the Registry's Title Division for further review.
- 7. On or about February 27, 2024, the Registry assembled and submitted information on the two tow companies in question and their recent concerning transactions to the Massachusetts State Police (MSP) Fraud Unit attached to the Registry for review.
- 8. On or about March 18, 2024, the Registry's Service Center Manager in Lawrence alerted me to an issue related to a third-party company that submits title transfer paperwork on behalf of tow companies. This Manager indicated her longstanding concern with the submissions by this company and that one of the vehicles submitted for transfer came back "stolen" when run through the Registry's standard check with the National Motor Vehicle Title System (NMVITIS). The Manager alerted the MSP Vehicle Unit assigned to the Registry of the transaction and several other concerning transactions from this company dropped in submitted to Registry Service Centers in Lawrence and Wilmington.
- 9. The Registry's review of involuntary title transfers under 39A identified an additional issue during this same time period in early 2024. Tow companies were Registry Service Center shopping. They appeared to be taking transactions rejected from one service center for insufficient or incorrect paperwork and going to other service centers with the same documents.
- 10. I worked with my team to identify submissions rejected by other Service Centers and to confirm that the newly submitted paperwork addressed the issues that caused the initial rejection.
- 11. In late April 2024, the Registry Service Center and Title Division Managers and Registry Legal and Compliance staff conferred with the MSP Vehicle Unit regarding the apparent submission of "problematic paperwork." It was decided that all transactions would receive a second review from Service Center Managers prior to processing, due to the complexity of the statute's requirements.
- 12. On or about May 16, 2024, I worked with Compliance and Title Teams at the Registry to create a checklist that the service center staff could use to review the paperwork on each transaction. We also worked with other areas of the Registry to create the Bulletin communication to send out to the Registry staff and relevant external stakeholders clarifying and detailing the statutory document requirements and timelines. That Bulletin was sent on or about May 20, 2024, and the Registry applied it to applicable title transfer applications submitted to the Registry after the Bulletin's issuance.

13. Since the Bulletin was sent out, the paperwork from the tow companies has generally improved, and the Registry is seeing more complete transactions with the necessary paperwork.

Signed under pains and penalties of perjury,

James DiLisio

Registry of Motor Vehicles

Dated: August 21, 2024

## Exhibit C



### REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES BILL OF SALE FOR NON TITLED MOTOR VEHICLE

Make:

Ford Fiesta

Model Year:

2013

Body Style:

Hatchback

VIN#

3FADP4EJ5DM224878

Odometer Reading: 112,667

Sellers Name:

Christopher's Emergency Equipment and Towing, Inc.

Sellers Address:

76 Riverneck Road Chelmsford, MA 01824

Buyers Name:

LP Auto Center, Inc.

Buyers Address:

493 Princeton Boulevard Lowell, MA 01851

Date of Sale:

April 10, 2023

Price:

\$2,500

Above vehicle is being sold "as is" as a repairable with no implied warranty or guarantee. Vehicle is being sold by private sale and strictly under the guidelines of Mass General Law Chapter 255, Section 39A. All Documents provided to the buyer are guaranteed to be correct and a clear Massachusetts title is guaranteed under normal RMV processing times. I declare under penalties of perjury that the statements herein contained are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Seller:

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CHRISTOPHER'S TOWING 76 RIVERNECK RD CHELMSFORD, MA 01824

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## **AutoImpoundSolutions**

P.O. Box 8322 Ward Hill, MA 01835

## NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE

Name: Address:

Amy Lynn Wheeler 1620 S Golden Circle High Ridge, MO 63049-1897

Vehicle Make: 1

2013 Ford Fiesta\_

Vehicle Plate #:

VIN #:

3FADP4EJ5DM224878

Date of Tow:

05/23/2022

Location of Tow:

5 Olde North Road, Chelmsford, MA

Reason for Tow:

Impound

### Current lien as of 02/28/2023

Towing & Fuel Second Tow

\$108.00

Mileage (Flat)

\$32.00

City Fee

\$75.00

Title Processing Storage

\$9,870.00 (Storage 282 days @ \$35.00 a day) (\$35.00 a day will be added until vehicle is recovered.)

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You are listed as the last Vehicle Owner of a vehicle which was ordered towed per the Chelmsford PD. This vehicle is currently being stored at Christopher's Towing 76 Riverneck Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824. Please contact them at 978-202-8146 regarding the recovery of this vehicle. Failure to respond will result in court action and a public or private sale to recoup their lien for towing and storage charges. If this vehicle does not belong to you, or you have made other arrangements regarding disposing of this vehicle, please contact us immediately. (Reference M.G.L. ch. 255, sec 39A).

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February 28, 2023

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## **AutoImpoundSolutions**

P.O. Box 8322 Ward Hill, MA 01835

### NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE

Name:

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Atlanta, GA 30348-5704

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Date of Tow:

05/23/2022

Location of Tow: Reason for Tow: 5 Olde North Road, Chelmsford, MA

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Signed,

Auto Impound Solutions LLC

February 28, 2023

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P.O. Box 8322 Ward Hill, MA 01835

## NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE

Name: Address:

Amy Lynn Wheeler 44 Kingston Drive

Saint Louis, MO 63125-3351

Vehicle Make: Vehicle Plate #: 2013 Ford Fiesta

VIN#:

3FADP4EJ5DM224878

Date of Tow: Location of Tow:

05/23/2022 5 Olde North Road, Chelmsford, MA

Reason for Tow:

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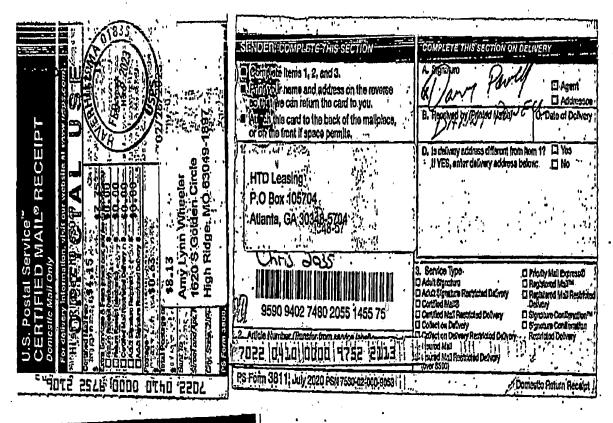
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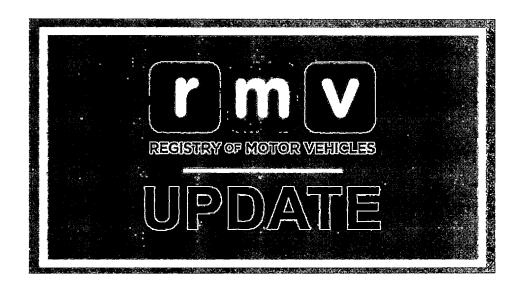
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## Exhibit D

## **Title Transfers for Involuntarily Towed Vehicles**

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Effective immediately, all title transactions for involuntary tow transfers, both police/public authority ordered tows and private/contracted involuntary tows, must be dropped off at the Business to Business (B2B) counter at an RMV Service Center.

### Police and Public Authority Ordered Tows - Process

"Police-ordered and public-authority ordered tow" means that a vehicle was involuntarily towed by order of law enforcement or other public authority and placed for storage in the care of a garage, parking lot, or other place for the storage of vehicles. M.G.L. c. 159B, §6B, M.G. L. c. 255, §39A

The following documents must be submitted at the service center; **clear copies** are acceptable.

- Completed Registration and Title Application (RTA)
- Completed Affidavit of Sale of Involuntarily Towed Vehicle
- Proof of tow: Documentation showing:
  - o Tow was ordered by law enforcement or other public authority,
  - o Date of the tow,
  - o Reason for tow,
  - Location from which the vehicle was towed, the location(s) where the vehicle was towed and stored, and
  - o Authorizing Officer's name.
- **First notice to owner:** The tow company's notice via registered mail with return-receipt to the vehicle owner of the storage charges and location of the vehicle.
  - The date of notice to the customer must be no more than 7 days after the tow date.
- Second notice to owner: The tow company's notice via registered mail
  with return receipt to the owner of current storage charges and that the
  vehicle will be sold if not claimed within 21 days from the receipt of
  notice.
  - The date of notice must be at least 60 days after the tow company took possession of the vehicle.
- Newspaper listings: Copy of the notices of sale published in a newspaper with circulation in the city/town where the vehicle is stored.
  - o The initial publication date **must be at least 21 days** after the date of the notice described in step (5) and must indicate that the notice was run for **3 weeks in a row.**
- Notice to Chief of Police: Notice from the seller to the chief of police in the city/town where the garage is located that the vehicle is to be sold.

- The notification must be provided 5 or more days before the sale of the vehicle.
- The date of sale on the bill of sale must be at least 3 weeks after the date of the 1st newspaper publication described in step (6) and at least 5 days after the notice to the chief of police defined in step (7).

## All Other Involuntary Tows - Process

- RTAs for vehicles placed for storage in the care of a garage, parking lot, or other place for the storage of motor vehicles not under the order of law enforcement or other public authority; and
- Court order authorizing the sale of the vehicle. Title transfers from any involuntary tow that was not ordered by police, or a public authority cannot use the Police and Public Authority Ordered Tows Process (M.G.L. c. 255, §39A) and must have an order from the Court to be eligible for transfer of title.

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## Thank you for your partnership.



### Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles

The Registry of Motor Vehicles credentials and delivers driver, non-driver, and services. We are also responsible for making sure all drivers, as well as the vehicles on our roadways, are safe and fit to operate.

For your protection, please do not email personal information (e.g., Social Security Number, Credit Card Numbers, Passwords.



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RMV Communications 25 Newport Avenue Ext Quincy, MA 02171-1748

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# Exhibit E

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

PLYMOUTH, ss.

SUPERIOR COURT Civil Action No.: 2483CV00646

STATEWIDE TOWING ASSOCIATION, INC., AUTO IMPOUND SOLUTIONS, LLC, DIRENZO TOWING AND RECOVERY, INC., ALL-WAVZ TOWING AND TRANSPORT, INC, AND CHRISTOPHER'S EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT & TOWING, INC.,

Plaintiffs,

V.

MASSACHUSETTS REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

Defendant.

## AFFIDAVIT OF KARYN L FOLEY

I, Karyn L Foley, hereby attest and state as follows:

- 1. I am the Lead Security Analyst with the Registry of Motor Vehicles ("Registry").
- 2. I have worked in the Information System (IS) Security unit for 31 years. I have worked on the security role for the tow company industry since the first tow company to get access to our Business Portal in October of 2019.
- 3. As part of its record-keeping, the Registry maintains electronic records in its ATLAS System ("ATLAS") related to Registry transactions, including information on all vehicles registered and/or titled in Massachusetts and ownership information.
- 4. The Driver Privacy Protection Act (DPPA), 18 U.S. Code § 2721, restricts the types of information the Registry can share, including limitations on who can receive the information and under what circumstances. Under the DPPA, specifically 18 U.S. Code § 2721(b)(7), there is a specific exception for tow companies. Tow companies may only receive Registry information to look up owners' information for the purpose of providing notice of towed or impounded vehicles.
- 5. Tow companies can request access to the Registry's Business Portal or Web Services that are connected to ATLAS. Prior to obtaining access they need to submit an access request identifying their intended use of the data, to ensure the Registry only allows access for

DPPA permitted purposes. The Tow Company must sign an access agreement with the Registry outlining the conditions of receiving access, including that anyone given access is sufficiently background checked and that the use of the data is only for the specified intended purpose.

- 6. Currently there are 29 tow companies and 2 third-party facilitators who are enrolled in the RMV's Tow Program and have access to real-time vehicle information, specifically owner information through the Registry's Business Portal or Web Services connected to ATLAS.
- 7. Statewide Towing Association. Inc., Auto Impound Solutions, LLC, Direnzo Towing and Recovery, Inc., and Christopher's Emergency Equipment & Towing, Inc. have access to the Business Portal. They can access real-time owner information of Massachusetts registered vehicles in ATLAS. All-Wavz Towing and Transport, Inc. has not requested access to the Tow Program.
- 8. Once a tow company is provided access, they have the ability to search a vehicle registered/and or titled in Massachusetts by vehicle identification number (VIN) and vehicle registration/plate number to identify the listed owner of the vehicle and the owner's address. They can use that information to provide written notice.

Signed under pains and penalties of perjury,

Karyn L Foley

Registry of Motor Vehicles

Dated: August 20, 2024

## Exhibit F

## Massachusetts DPU List of Involuntary Tow Companies as of June 2024

#### CompanyName

- 1 1812 PAINT & BODY
- 2 21 TOWING INC
- 3 A & B TOWING, INC.
- 4 A & M AUTO REPAIR, LLC
- 5 A & N AUTO BODY
- 6 A & S SERVICE CENTER
- 7 A & S TOWING INC
- 8 A B COACH AND CARRIAGE INC
- 9 A J COSTA AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR
- 10 A TOWING AND COLLISION LLC
- 11 A&G TOWING REPAIR CORP
- 12 A&R AUTO & TOWING
- 13 A. G. QUEALY TOWING INC
- 14 A1 AFFORDABLE INC
- 15 AARON'S 24-7 TOWING & RECOVERY
- 16 ABINGTON SUNOCO
- 17 ABLE AUTO BODY & GLASS
- 18 ABOVE TOWING AND RECOVERY LLC
- 19 ACCESS AUTO TOO INC
- 20 A-C-E AUTO BODY
- 21 ACHIN'S GARAGE INC.
- 22 ACI TOWING
- 23 ACME AUTO BODY REPAIRING, INC.
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- 32 ALBIES AUTO RECOVERY
- 33 ALDRICH AUTO BODY & REPAIR INC
- 34 ALL CAPE TOWING & REPAIR
- 35 ALL DAY & ALL NIGHT TOWING INC
- 36 ALL MOBILE TOWING
- 37 ALL PARTS RACING
- 38 ALL-WAYZ TOWING AND TRANSPORT
- 39 ALMEIDA AUTO BODY, INC.
- 40 AL'S AUTOMOTIVE LLC
- 41 AL'S SERVICE CENTER, INC.

- 42 ALWAYS OPEN AUTOMOTIVE INC
- 43 AMARAL'S AUTOMOTIVE CENTER, INC
- 44 AMERICAN AUTO BODY & REPAIR INC.
- 45 AMESBURY TOWING
- 46 ANCHOR TOWING AND RECOVERY LLC
- 47 ANDY'S OF PEMBROKE, INC.
- 48 ANDY'S SERVICE CENTER
- 49 ANDY'S TOWING LLC
- 50 ANYTHING AUTOMOTIVE INC
- 51 ANYTIME TOWING INC
- 52 ARMAND'S GARAGE
- 53 ARNIE'S 24 HOUR TOWING INC
- 54 ARSENAULT TOWING & RECOV. SERVICE
- 55 ART'S AUTO SERVICE
- 56 ARVO'S MOBIL
- 57 ASSOCIATED TOWING, INC.
- 58 AUDETTE'S TOWING & RECOVERY INC
- 59 AUTO GO INC.
- 60 AUTO RESCUE TOWING & RECOVERY
- 61 AUTO SERVICE & TIRE INC
- 62 AUTOMOTIVE SPECIALITIES REPAIR & SERVICE, INC.
- 63 AUTOMOTIVE TECH & TRANS. LLC
- 64 AUTOSHOW TOWING AND RECOVERY LLC
- 65 AUTO-TEC LLP
- 66 B & B TOWING INC
- 67 BACH TRUCKING & TRANSPORTATION., INC.
- 68 BACHETTI'S AUTO BODY
- 69 BAILEY'S TRI TOWN SERVICE
- 70 BALABANIS AUTO REPAIR
- 71 BALICKI AUTO BODY, INC.
- 72 BEAULIEU'S GARAGE
- 73 BELLINGHAM PARTS PLUS, INC.
- 74 BELLINGHAM TOWING
- 75 BELSITO AUTO
- 76 BEST PRICE TOWING SERVICES
- 77 BIG BAD ONE INC
- 78 BIG JACK'S TOWING
- 79 BIG JIM'S AUTO BODY, INC.
- 80 BIG WHEEL TRUCK SALES & REPAIR
- 81 BILL WOODS TOWING SERVICE INC.
- 82 BILL'S AUTO CLINIC, INC.
- 83 BILL'S GARAGE OF RUTLAND, INC.
- 84 BILL'S-TOWING LLC
- 85 BIONDI'S SERVICE CENTER

- 86 BLACKWATER TOWING INC
- 87 BLUE-LINE TOWING INC
- 88 BOB'S AUTO REPAIR
- 89 BOB'S AUTO SERVICE
- 90 BOB'S TRUCKING & EQUIPMENT SERVICE
- 91 BONNETTE'S AUTOMOTIVE INC
- 92 BOOMBA'S 24 HR TOWING
- 93 BOSTONIAN TOWING SERVICE INC
- 94 BOUCHARD & SON, INC.
- 95 BOULEVARD GARAGE, INC.
- 96 BOURNE ENTERPRISES, INC.
- 97 BRADFORD TOWING CO
- 98 BROCKTON AUTO PARTS
- 99 BROOK STREET AUTO
- 100 BROOKS AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE
- 101 BROUGHAM MOTORS INC.
- 102 BROWNSON'S TOWING AND REPAIR
- 103 BT AND SONS TOWING & RECOVERY
- 104 BUCKLER'S TOWING SERVICE, INC.
- 105 BYRNE RACING & USED AUTOS
- 106 C & J AUTO BODY
- 107 C&J MAPLEWOOD AUTO LLC
- 108 C&LTOWING LLC
- 109 CO&SGARAGE
- 110 CABRAL'S TOWING INC
- 111 CACHITO'S TOWING LLC
- 112 CAPEWAY TOWING & TRANSPORT
- 113 CAPEWAY TOWING INC
- 114 CARSTAR ATLANTIC COLLISION
- 115 CASIVANT REPAIR
- 116 CASSIDY WRECKER SERVICE
- 117 CBK AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, INC.
- 118 CENTER AUTO BODY
- 119 CENTER REPAIR & MACHINE CO.
- 120 CENTRAL AUTO REBUILDERS, INC.
- 121 CENTRAL CHEVROLET INC
- 122 CENTRAL STREET GARAGE
- 123 CENTRAL TOWING, INC.
- 124 CHEVY AUTO BODY, INC.
- 125 CHRIS SERVICE CENTER, INC.
- 126 CHRISTOPHER'S EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT & TOWING
- 127 CHUCKRAN AUTO PARTS, INC.
- 128 CICCHETTI'S SERVICE STATION INC
- 129 CITY SIDE ENTERPRISES INC

- 130 CITY WIDE TOWING
- 131 CJ AUTO & TOW
- 132 CJ'S TOWING UNLIMITED INC
- 133 CJV AUTOMOTIVE & TOWING
- 134 CLARK AUTO WRECKING
- 135 CLASSIC AUTOMOTIVE INC
- 136 CLT SERVICES LLC
- 137 COADY'S GARAGE & TOWING SERVICE
- 138 COASTAL COLLISION & TOWING INC
- 139 COMO'S INC
- 140 COOK'S TOWING & TRANSPORT INC
- 141 CORREIA'S AUTO BODY & GARAGE
- 142 CORREIA'S TOWING
- 143 COSTA'S AUTO BODY
- 144 COUNTRY MOTORS INC
- 145 COUNTRYSIDE TOWING
- 146 COUNTY AUTO WRECKING
- 147 CRESCENT AUTO, INC.
- 148 CROSS ROADS TOWING LLC
- 149 CRUISE CONTROL TRANSPORTATION INC
- 150 CT'S CITYWIDE TOWING
- 151 CUSTOM TOWING
- 152 CV TOWING INC
- 153 CW AYERS INC
- 154 D & D TOWING LLC
- 155 D & G TOWING AND AUTO REPAIR SERVICES INC.
- 156 DALE'S AUTO BODY & GENERAL REPAIR
- 157 DANNY'S AUTO BODY, INC.
- 158 DAN'S ROAD SERVICE INC
- 159 DANVERS AUTO BODY & TOWING LLC
- 160 DARTMOUTH TOWING, INC.
- 161 DAVE TALBOT'S AUTO SALES INC
- 162 DAVE'S AUTO SERVICE
- 163 DAVE'S TOW & TRANSPORT, INC.
- 164 DAVE'S TOWING CO INC
- 165 DAVID'S AUTO SALES
- 166 DECELLE TOWING & RECOVERY INC
- 167 DECKER'S AUTO BODY
- 168 DIRENZO TOWING & RECOVERY INC
- 169 DISTINCTIVE AUTO BODY INC
- 170 DM TOWING LLC
- 171 DON ALLEN AUTO SERVICE INC
- 172 DON'S AUTO COSMETICS INC
- 173 DUFF'S GARAGE, INC.

- 174 E.J.M. AUTO
- 175 EARLY'S ON PARK AVENUE, INC.
- 176 EAST COAST AUTO SALES & SERVICE INC
- 177 EASTCOAST TOWING
- 178 EASY WAY AUTO BODY INC
- 179 EDD'S AUTO REPAIR
- 180 EDGEMONT GARAGE
- 181 ELLIS AUTO BODY
- 182 ELM STREET AUTOMOTIVE CENTRE
- 183 EMS AUTOMOTIVE LLC
- 184 ENTWISTLE'S GARAGE INC
- 185 ERNIE'S SERVICE STATION
- 186 ERNIE'S TOWING
- 187 ET COTE AUTO EXCHANGE
- 188 EVERETT'S AUTO PARTS
- 189 EXCEPTIONAL AUTO BODY, INC.
- 190 EXPRESS TOWING
- 191 F.J.S. AUTO, INC.
- 192 FALLON'S AUTO SERVICE INC
- 193 FERNANDO'S TRANSPORTATION
- 194 FERRARO TOWING AND RECOVERY INC
- 195 FERREIRA TOWING, INC.
- 196 FERREIRA'S AUTO BODY AND SALES
- 197 FIJOL'S JUNK YARD INC
- 198 FIVE STAR TOWING INC
- 199 FJR TOWING & TRANSPORT, INC.
- 200 FLEMING'S GARAGE
- 201 FLEMING'S TOWING
- 202 FLINT'S AUTO PARTS
- 203 FLORENCE TOW & AUTO REPAIR INC
- 204 FOGERTY'S TOWING
- 205 FORREST TOWING INC
- 206 FOUR STAR SERVICE, INC.
- 207 FRANK E BRAYTON JR AUTO SALES & SERVICE INC
- 208 FRANK'S TOWING
- 209 FRED F CAIN INC
- 210 G AND B AUTO SERVICE
- 211 GJTOWING, INC.
- 212 GAETA'S TOWING
- 213 GAGNE'S GARAGE
- 214 GASKELL'S TOWING INC
- 215 GENO'S AUTO SERVICE INC
- 216 GEORGE'S GARAGE INC
- 217 GEORGE'S SERVICE STATION

- 218 GINIS AUTO REPAIR
- 219 GINO'S COLLISION CENTER, INC.
- 220 GODFREY ENTERPRISES INC
- 221 GROTON TOWING, INC.
- 222 GROVE STREET AUTO REPAIR
- 223 GUARANTY AUTO SALES
- 224 GULBICKI'S, INC
- 225 HAMPDEN TOWING
- 226 HARBOR AUTO BODY, INC.
- 227 HARBRO SALES & SERVICE, INC.
- 228 HARRY'S AUTO BODY INC
- 229 HARRY'S AUTO WRECKING
- 230 HARSHAW PAVING & RECLAMATION CORP
- 231 HATHAWAY COLLISION CENTER
- 232 HENRY'S TOWING & SERVICE CTR
- 233 HIWAY RECOVERY, INC.
- 234 HOFF'S MOBIL
- 235 HOMETOWN AUTO SERVICE & SALES INC
- 236 HOOK & GO TOWING, INC.
- 237 HOWARD'S AUTO BODY
- 238 HOWLEY'S AUTOMOTIVE
- 239 IMPERIAL AUTO BODY & SALES, INC
- 240 INTERNATIONAL COLLISION CENTER
- 241 INTERSTATE TOWING CORPORATION
- 242 INTERSTATE TOWING INC
- 243 INTERSTATE WRECKER SERV., INC.
- 244 J&JTOWING AND RECOVERY LLC
- 245 J SCOTT MOTOR SERVICE INC
- 246 J.B.S. TOWING
- 247 J/B RECONDITIONING
- 248 JACK'S AUTO BODY, INC.
- 249 JANS RECOVERY SERVICE
- 250 JARA J ENTERPRISE LLC
- 251 JARMO'S AUTO REPAIR, INC.
- 252 JD BOUSQUET & SONS INC
- 253 JEFF'S TOWING
- 254 JIM'S AUTO
- 255 JIM'S AUTO SALES
- 256 JL MASSA COLLISION SPEC INC
- 257 JOE'S AUTO & TOWING LLC
- 258 JOE'S TOWING, INC.
- 259 JOHNNY'S AUTO BODY
- 260 JOHNNY'S GARAGE
- 261 JOHN'S AUTO BODY

- 262 JOHN'S AUTO SERVICE
- 263 JOHN'S AUTO UNLIMITED SALES & SERVICE
- 264 JOSEPH'S PONTIAC
- 265 JR'S TOWING LLC
- 266 KAZANJIAN'S AUTO REPAIR SHOP INC
- 267 KAZANJIAN'S GARAGE
- 268 KBR, INC.
- 269 KEARNEY TOWING
- 270 KEMP'S SERVICE STATION
- 271 KENWOOD AUTO SERVICE
- 272 KEVIN'S AUTOMOTIVE OF W BOYLSTON
- 273 KNOWLTON'S GARAGE, INC.
- 274 KOCH'S AUTOMOTIVE, INC.
- 275 KRUEGERS AUTO REPAIR
- 276 L&MAUTO, INC.
- 277 L.H MORINE SERVICES
- 278 LABONTE & SON
- 279 LAKE STREET AUTO SALES & SERVICE, LTD
- 280 LAND'S TOWING & SERVICE, INC.
- 281 LANGONET INC
- 282 LANTIC SALVAGE
- 283 LAROCHELLE AUTO RESTORATION
- 284 LAV'S AUTO BODY & SALES, INC.
- 285 LECH GARAGE & AUTO BODY, INC.
- 286 LEFEBVRE'S TOWING LLC
- 287 LEGACY TRANSPORT LLC
- 288 LEON SIRUM & COMPANY, INC
- 289 LEONARD'S AUTO REPAIR
- 290 LEO'S AUTO REMOVAL AND TOWING INC
- 291 LIL C'S AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORT SERVICE, INC
- 292 LIMA'S TOWING
- 293 LOU'S AUTO BODY INC
- 294 LOVEY'S TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC
- 295 LOWELL FLEET TOWING INC
- 296 LUCKY 13 RECOVERY INC
- 297 LUZI'S AUTO BODY, INC,
- 298 LUZO AUTO BODY, INC.
- 299 LYNCH'S TOWING SERVICE
- 300 M SYLVESTER TOWING
- 301 MAC ENTERPRISES
- 302 MAC'S GARAGE & TOWING
- 303 MAG'S TOWING INC.
- 304 MAIN STREET GAS & AUTO SALES INC
- 305 MALLOY'S AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE, INC.

- 306 MAL'S NIGHT & DAY TOWING CO.
- 307 MANNY'S AUTO BODY
- 308 MANOLI TOWING INC
- 309 MARCEL TOWING
- 310 MARC'S AUTO SERVICE
- 311 MARC'S TOWING AND RECOVERY, LLC
- 312 MARK'S GARAGE
- 313 MARK'S TOWING
- 314 MARSHFIELD AUTO BODY
- 315 MARTINEAU'S TOWING SERVICE
- 316 MARTINEZ TOWING & TRANSP CORP
- 317 MARTY'S AUTO SERVICE INC
- 318 MARTY'S REPAIR
- 319 MASCARO'S SVC STATION & TOWING
- 320 MASHPEE ROTARY INC.
- 321 MASS AVE TOWING LLC
- 322 MASTER TECH AUTO SALES INC
- 323 MASTRIA BUICK PONTIAC, GMC TRUCK
- 324 MATHER'S TOWING, INC.
- 325 MATTHEWS TRUCK SERVICE, INC.
- 326 MAY'S TIRES & ACCESSORIES, LLC
- 327 MCCARTHY BROS AUTO BODY
- 328 MCCARTHY'S TOWING, INC.
- 329 MCQUARRIE AUTO ENGINEERING
- 330 MERCEDES CAB COMPANY INC
- 331 METRO TOWING LLC
- 332 MID CAPE COLLISION
- 333 MID TOWN AUTO BODY
- 334 MIDDLESEX AUTO BODY CO., INC.
- 335 MIKE'S AUTO BODY REPAIR
- 336 MIKE'S AUTO REPAIR
- 337 MIKE'S TOWING & RECOVERY INC
- 338 MILAN TOWING INC
- 339 MJS TOWING INC
- 340 MODERN TOWING
- 341 MOHAWK AUTO SALES
- 342 MOHAWK VILLAGE MOTORS, INC.
- 343 MOSHER AUTO BODY, INC.
- 344 MURPHY'S AUTO SALVAGE, INC.
- 345 MURRAY'S TOWING & EQUIPMENT SERVICE
- 346 NANTUCKET AUTO BODY INC
- 347 NED'S HD TOWING INC
- 348 NEEDHAM COLLISION INC
- 349 NEEDHAM TOWING & TRANSPORT

- 350 NEGOSHIAN'S TOWING & SERVICE CO. .
- 351 NEW BEVERLY AUTO CLINIC, INC.
- 352 NEW BLUE HILLS TOWING CO., INC.
- 353 NEWBURYPORT TOWING SERVICE INC
- 354 NICK'S TOW & RECOVERY SERVICE LLC
- 355 NO LIMIT TOWING AND RECOVERY INC
- 356 NORFOLK AUTO, INC.
- 357 NORTH ATLANTIC FRAME & ALIGNMENT INC
- 358 NORTH READING AUTO REPAIR INC.
- 359 NORTH READING AUTO, INC/BAY STATE NORTH TOWING
- 360 NORTH STAR AUTOMOTIVE INC
- 361 NORTHSIDE AUTO BODY
- 362 OBRIEN CAR CARE INC
- 363 O'BRIEN'S CAR CARE & TOWING INC
- 364 OCEAN STATE TOWING
- 365 O'CONNORS' TOWING
- 366 ONE TEN TOWING CO
- 367 O'SHEA'S TOWING SERVICE
- 368 P & F SERVICES INC
- 369 P GELLAR'S SERVICE STATION INC
- 370 PACHECO TRUCKING
- 371 PALMER'S GARAGE, INC.
- 372 PALUMBO TOWING INC
- 373 PARKWAY AUTOMOTIVE, INC.
- 374 PARSONS AUTO, INC.
- 375 PAT'S SERVICE CENTER
- 376 PAT'S TOWING
- 377 PAT'S TOWING CO INC
- 378 PAT'S TOWING INC
- 379 PAUL ALMEIDA 24 HR. TOWING
- 380 PAUL DEMERS SERVICE
- 381 PAUL V MCGARVEY TRANSPORTATION
- 382 PAUL WOLFE MOTOR SALES
- 383 PAUL'S AUTO SERVICE CORP
- 384 PAUL'S TOWING
- 385 PAUL'S TOWING, INC.
- 386 PAXTON AUTO REPAIR & COLLISION
- 387 PENNEY'S AUTO BODY, INC.
- 388 PERFECTION TOWING
- 389 PERFORMANCE AUTOMOTIVE & TOW
- 390 PERRY'S TOWING & SERVICE INC
- 391 PETER'S REPAIR AND AUTO BODY, INC
- 392 PETTEY AUTO SALVAGE LLC
- 393 PICCERELLI'S TOWING

- 394 PILGRIM AUTO BODY, INC.
- 395 PINE HILL SERVICE STATION, INC.
- 396 PINTO'S GARAGE AND AUTO BODY INC
- 397 PIRES BROTHERS AUTO REPAIR INC
- 398 PLEASANT STREET AUTO BODY & REPAIR
- 399 PORTSIDE TOWING
- 400 PRECISION AUTO BODY
- 401 PRECISION AUTO REBUILDERS INC
- 402 PRIDE AUTO BODY, INC.
- 403 PRIDE TOWING & OFF ROAD RECOVERY
- 404 PRO TECH TOWING & RECOVERY
- 405 QUALITY AUTO BODY OF WEBSTER, INC.
- 406 QUALITY TOWING & RECOVERY INC
- 407 QUICK AUTO CENTER CORP.
- 408 R & F MOTORS, INC.
- 409 R. H. WILLSON INC
- 410 RALEIGH AUTO BODY
- 411 RAMSAY'S TOWING, INC
- 412 RAPID RESPONSE LLP
- 413 RAU'S SUNOCO SERVICE
- 414 REARDON'S GARAGE
- 415 RED'S TOWING
- 416 REGIN'S REPAIR
- 417 RELENTLESS TOWING & RECOVERY
- 418 RESCUE TOWING AND RECOVERY
- 419 RG AUTOMOTIVE INC
- 420 RICARDO'S TOWING SERVICE, ÎNC.
- 421 RICK'S AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR
- 422 RICKY'S TOWING
- 423 RIGANO'S TOWING SERVICE, INC.
- 424 RIGGIO AUTO REPAIR, INC.
- 425 RK AUTO BODY & SALES INC
- 426 ROADSIDE RESCUE & TRANS INC
- 427 ROBERTS AUTO BODY
- 428 ROD'S SERVICE STATION
- 429 ROHMERS TOWING SERVICE
- 430 ROMAN TOWING LLC
- 431 RON'S AUTO REPAIR
- 432 ROSE LEDGE COMPANIES
- 433 ROTARY AUTO TOWING COMP., INC.
- 434 ROUTE 18 AUTO BODY, INC.
- 435 ROY'S AUTO BODY REPAIR & TOWING SERVICE INC
- 436 RUTLAND TOWING INC
- 437 RW'S INC

- 438 SABER AUTO BODY
- 439 SAL'S AUTO & TRUCK REPAIR
- 440 SANDI'S TOWING
- 441 SANTOS AUTO REPAIR, INC.
- 442 SANTOS GARAGE INC
- 443 SARKIS ENTERPRISES INC
- 444 SAYERS AUTO WRECKING, INC.
- 445 SCHLAGERS AUTO BODY REPAIR INC
- 446 SCHOOL STREET TOWING
- 447 SCRATCH & DENT AUTO BODY & SALES
- 448 SEASIDE TOWING
- 449 SH AUTO REPAIR LLC
- 450 SHEEHAN'S TOWING LLC
- 451 SHERM'S INC.
- 452 SID'S AUTO BODY
- 453 SILVER CLOUD TOWING
- 454 SIMONELLI'S TOWING & RECOVERY CO
- 455 SKILLMAN SERVICES
- 456 SLIECH AUTO BODY, INC.,
- 457 SMITTY'S TOWING SERVICE
- 458 SOMERSET AUTO SERVICE
- 459 SOUCY'S AUTO BODY
- 460 SOUTH COAST TOWING
- 461 SOUTH SHORE TOWING
- 462 SOUZA'S TOWING & REPAIR
- 463 STAGE COACH MOTORS & REPAIR
- 464 STANLEY SERVICE INC
- 465 STATE ROAD AUTO BODY
- 466 STATION ROAD AUTOBODY & GARAGE INC
- 467 STEPHENS AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORT INC
- 468 STEPHENS TOWING, INC
- 469 STERRY STREET AUTO SALES, INC.
- 470 STONEHAM TOW
- 471 STUART'S AUTOMOTIVE, INC.
- 472 STURBRIDGE SERVICE CENTER, INC
- 473 SUTFOL AUTO SALES, INC.
- 474 T & D AUTO & TRUCK SERVICE CENTER, INC.
- 475 T&TTOWING, INCORPORATED
- 476 TALLY'S TRUCK CENTER, INC.
- 477 TEATICKET AUTO BODY
- 478 TECH SERVICE CENTER
- 479 TED'S OF FAYVILLE, INC.
- 480 TERRANOVA AUTO BODY
- 481 TERRI ADAMS

- 482 THOMAS AUTO BODY SHOP INC
- 483 TIGER TOWING
- 484 TINO'S TRUCK SERVICE, INC.
- 485 TJ & SONS AUTO REPAIR & TOWING INC
- 486 TJM AUTO BODY, INC.
- 487 TODISCO SERVICES, INC.
- 488 TODY'S SERVICE INC
- 489 TOGI'S TOWING SERVICE
- 490 TOMMYCAR TOWING LLC
- 491 TOM'S AUTO BODY
- 492 TOM'S AUTO TRANSPORT, INC.
- 493 TONY'S AUTO SALES & SERVICE INC
- 494 TONY'S AUTO WRECKING
- 495 TONY'S COLLISION
- 496 TONY'S TOWING
- 497 TOTAL AUTO REPAIR
- 498 TOTAL TRANSMISSION SERVICE
- 499 TOUPIN TOWING AND RECOVERY INC
- 500 TOWN MOTORS
- 501 TRI TOWN MOTORS INC
- 502 TROMBLY BROTHERS, INC.
- 503 TROY CITY TOWING LLC
- 504 UNION AUTO TOWING INC
- 505 UNIVERSAL AUTO BODY, INC.
- 506 UPNDOWN TOWING AND RECOVERY LLC
- 507 USA TOWING
- 508 UXBRIDGE AUTO INC
- 509 VALLEY TOWING, INC.
- 510 VANCE'S AUTO BODY
- 511 VANDERZICHT TOWING
- 512 VENDETTI MOTORS, INC.
- 513 VIC'S TOWING SERVICE
- 514 VICTORY LANE TOWING
- 515 VIEIRA'S GARAGE
- 516 VILLAGE TRUCK SALES, INC.
- 517 VINNY'S TOWING
- 518 VOLPONE TOWING SERVICE
- 519 VW TOWING LLC
- 520 WAKEFIELD TOWING
- 521 WALSH TOWING CO
- 522 WALTER C CRANSTON & SON INC
- 523 WALTHAM AUTO TOW, INC.
- 524 WATSON AUTOMOTIVE
- 525 WC GURRISI & SONS INC

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527	WEST CENTER AUTO
528	WEST END TOWING
529	WEST SIDE SUNOCO
530	WEST STREET SERVICE CENTER
531	WEST STREET SERVICE CENTER, INC.
532	WESTGATE SERVICE LLC
533	WESTMINSTER GARAGE
534	WHEELER'S GARAGE
535	WILLIAM MURPHY AUTOMOTVE SERVICES INC
536	WINN STREET SERVICE
537	WOODARD'S GARAGE
538	WORCESTER COUNTY TOWING INC