

## California State University, Monterey Bay Police Department

### Vehicle Release Requirements: THE DRIVER

California law requires that drivers have a valid license in their possession. Vehicle release is normally given **ONLY** to a Registered Owner (R/O) or Legal Owner (L/O). An R/O or L/O wanting a vehicle release must show a valid driver license.

- a) If the R/O or L/O does not have a license, they must show valid identification for themselves as owner and also be accompanied by a properly licensed driver.
- b) If the stored vehicle is owned by a business (e.g. a rental car) or if the L/O is a bank or lending company, the company may send an employee with a letter authorizing that employee to pick up the vehicle.
- c) If the R/O or L/O is a private citizen and wants an agent to pick up the vehicle, they must provide that Agent with a notarized statement allowing that Agent to pick up the vehicle.

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### Vehicle Release Requirements: THE VEHICLE

California law requires that vehicle being driven on public roadways be registered and that the driver be able to show proof of insurance. In order to obtain a vehicle release, the Registered Owner (R/O) or Legal Owner (L/O) must show:

- a) Proof of current (not expired) registration for the stored vehicle ~~–or–~~
- b) A “One-Trip Permit” issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for the purpose of taking the car from storage to a smog inspection facility in order to complete registration of the vehicle.
- c) The R/O or L/O must also show proof of fiscal responsibility approved by DMV or proof of insurance.