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Memorandum

DATE: June 11, 2025


TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Jackie Bryant, City Manager

FROM: Kathryn Nance, Police Chief

DEPT: Reno Police Department

SUBJECT: Enforcement of Expired or Missing Vehicle Registrations and Other Citations Related to the Operation of Motor Vehicles in the City of Reno



In response to numerous inquiries received by the City Manager's Office and Council, we are providing the following information regarding the enforcement of expired or missing vehicle registrations and other citations related to the operation of motor vehicles in the City of Reno.

The Reno Police Department and Parking Enforcement officers issue violations related to unregistered vehicles, though it's important to clarify how that enforcement is structured.

- **Moving Vehicles:** RPD Officers may cite drivers for operating an unregistered vehicle when observed driving on the roadway, or during other enforcement actions. In 2024, The Reno Police Department issued more than 1600 citations related to vehicle registration violations. These citations include invalid registration or plates, fictitious registrations or plates, failure to carry proof of registration, not clearly displaying license plate or registration, and failure to display a current registration.
- **Parked Vehicles:** Parking Enforcement Officers may cite for unregistered vehicles parked on public streets typically addressed in two scenarios; complaint-driven reports made to Reno Direct or during standard parking enforcement actions. Community members can report these vehicles through Reno Direct, and City of Reno parking enforcement will be given that information to investigate. In 2024, the Parking Enforcement team issued over 4,300 citations for unregistered vehicles.

In addition to citations for unregistered vehicles, the following list outlines the top five traffic citations issued by RPD in 2024. The data reflects enforcement priorities and common infractions that impact public safety and compliance with Nevada traffic laws.

1. Speeding (NRS 484B.600) - Speeding remains the most frequently cited traffic violation in Reno. Under NRS 484B.600, penalties vary based on the extent to which the speed limit is exceeded.
2. Failure to Provide Proof of Insurance (NRS 485.187) - Drivers are required to carry valid proof of insurance. Failure to do so results in a \$600 fine. This violation is among the top citations.
3. Unregistered or Improperly Registered Vehicles (NRS 482.545) - Operating a vehicle without proper registration is a common offense. Citations include unregistered vehicles, expired plates, and fictitious or suspended registration.
4. Driving Without a Valid Driver's License (NRS 483.550) - Driving without a valid license carrying a \$200 fine.
5. Failure to Use Due Care (NRS 484B.603) - Drivers must exercise due care to avoid collisions, especially with pedestrians and cyclists.

A review of January through May of 2025 shows similar trends in the top five citation categories including speeding, failure to provide insurance, and unregistered vehicles rounding out the top three this year to date.

To address these prevalent violations, the Reno Police Department will continue to focus on public education including social media campaigns targeting top offenses and targeted enforcement in problematic areas as identified by data and trends.

RE: Documented Ongoing Pattern of Vehicles Operating Without License Plates or with Expired Tags in Reno, Nevada

From Brian Erbis Consulting LLC <brian.erbis@brianerbis.nyc>

Date Tue 4/22/2025 11:09 AM

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Good Morning Hillary,

Thank you for your thoughtful and prompt response. It's genuinely encouraging to receive a reply directly from my mayor, and I want to reiterate that it's my pleasure to assist with this issue on a pro bono basis.

To reinforce the urgency of this matter, I'm sharing the background on past court actions involving Christopher McDougal—the individual convicted and sentenced in connection with the death of Judge Larry Hicks.

As shown in the records, McDougal was previously charged in 2018 for operating a vehicle with a fraudulent registration. In many cases, individuals who drive with falsified or expired tags are also uninsured, and often unlicensed or driving with suspended privileges. These circumstances significantly increase risk on our roads for both pedestrians and law-abiding motorists.

Thank you again for taking this issue seriously. Your engagement represents a meaningful step toward enhancing safety and accountability in our community.

Case Number	Citation Number	Defendant Info	Filed/Location	Type/Status
12 TR 13953 21	R500438310472 R500438310472 R500438310472 R500438310472	MCDOUGAL, CHRISTOPHER RAYMOND	08/01/2012 Citation	Traffic C Closed
13 TR 02571 21	R53221509710	MCDOUGAL, CHRISTOPHER RAYMOND	02/13/2013 Citation	Traffic C Closed
14CR-11138	14-11761	MCDOUGAL, CHRISTOPHER RAYMOND	06/23/2014 Citation	Misdeme Closed
16TR-16622	R73154159721	MCDOUGAL, CHRISTOPHER RAYMOND	12/01/2016 Citation	Traffic C Closed
18TR-11909	RP00050567 RP00050567 RP00050567	MCDOUGAL, CHRISTOPHER RAYMOND	08/17/2018 Citation	Traffic C Closed
24CR-10690	24-9580 24-9580	MCDOUGAL, CHRISTOPHER	08/21/2024 Citation	Warrant/ Active
24CI-11033	24-9580CI	MCDOUGAL, CHRISTOPHER	08/28/2024 Citation	Civil Traf Closed

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Hi Brian,

Thank you for your thorough documentation and the level of detail you've provided. You're absolutely right — this is a growing issue, and I agree that it requires a coordinated, multi-agency response.

I'm forwarding your email and supporting materials to Ashley Turney, who oversees our Code Enforcement team, for immediate review. I'm also including City Manager Jackie Bryant and Police Chief Kathryn Nance to ensure this receives the high-level attention it warrants. This will be prioritized as a topic for follow-up and discussion in our ongoing interjurisdictional coordination meetings.

Your insights and data are incredibly valuable as we continue working to improve accountability and public trust.

Thank you again for your vigilance and commitment to the safety and integrity of our community.

Take care Brian,
Hillary

> On Apr 21, 2025, at 9:47 AM, Brian Erbis Consulting LLC <brian.erbis@brianerbis.nyc> wrote:

> To Whom It May Concern:

> I am submitting photographic and geolocation evidence documenting an ongoing and widespread issue in the City of Reno involving motor vehicles operating without visible license plates or with expired temporary permits. These violations were recorded between April 15 and April 19, 2025, using metadata-enabled photography that captures GPS coordinates, timestamp verification, direction of travel, vehicle speed, and elevation.

> The vehicles observed are listed below, categorized by the nature of the violations:

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> Vehicles with Expired or Questionable Temporary Tags:

> 1. Toyota RAV4

> * Temporary tag: (Nevada) NY-651-482 – Expired November 11, 2024
> * Location: Arrowcreek Parkway, Reno, NV 89511
> * Date/Time: April 15, 2025, at 4:08 PM
> * GPS: N 39° 24' 52.042", W 119° 45' 35.007"

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> 1. White Ford Mustang GT

> * Alaska Temporary Permit T215688 – Expired
> * Location: Arrowcreek Parkway, Reno, NV 89511
> * Date/Time: April 17, 2025, at 4:47 PM
> * GPS: N 39° 25' 7.299", W 119° 45' 25.639"

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> Vehicles Operating Without Visible License Plates:

> 1. Black Honda Accord 2.0T Sport

> * No license plate observed
> * Location: I-580 Northbound, Reno, NV 89521
> * Date/Time: April 15, 2025, between 3:06 PM and 3:07 PM
> * GPS Range: N 39° 26' 26.281" to 39° 26' 52.367", W 119° 45' 57.447" to 119° 46' 19.929"

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> 1. Beige Ford F-150 Pickup Truck

> * Rear license plate mount empty
> * Location: South Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89511
> * Date/Time: April 15, 2025, at 6:46 PM
> * GPS: N 39° 25' 39.875" to N 39° 25' 34.320"

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> 1. Silver Honda CR-V

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> * Rear plate removed; mounting bracket visible
> * Location: East Second Street, Reno, NV 89502 *this vehicle drove into the City of Sparks*
> * Date/Time: April 17, 2025, at 3:10 PM
> * GPS: N 39° 31' 38.796", W 119° 47' 22.956"

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> 1. White Toyota Sienna LE
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> * No license plate; rear-end damage visible
> * Location: South Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89502
> * Date/Time: April 19, 2025, at 7:49 AM
> * GPS: N 39° 29' 50.156", W 119° 47' 56.394"

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> Abandoned or Parked Vehicles Without Plates:
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> 1. Silver Subaru WRX (First Observed in September 2024)
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> * No rear license plate
> * Location: 473 East Grove Street, Reno, NV 89502
> * Date/Time: April 18, 2025, at 11:30 AM
> * GPS: N 39° 30' 3.220", W 119° 47' 27.039"
> * Altitude: 1353.5 meters

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> This evidence, captured during regular travel, reflects a small sample of the widespread noncompliance with state vehicle registration and insurance requirements observed on a daily basis.

> Despite the return to normal DMV operations following pandemic-related disruptions, this pattern of illegal vehicle operation persists. It contributes to:

> * Increased auto insurance premiums for compliant motorists
> * Greater risk of hit-and-run incidents involving uninsured drivers
> * Erosion of public confidence in enforcement and regulatory agencies

> Public sentiment across social media and community forums increasingly reflects frustration with the visible lack of enforcement.

> I have received formal responses from Commissioners Mike Clark and Clara Andriola, a lieutenant in the Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) Community Engagement, and Director Tonya Laney of the Nevada DMV. Of those, Commissioner Clark met with me in person, listened to my concerns, and offered constructive solutions. The WCSO responded with facts and interest in further addressing the problem.

> Director Laney acknowledged the issue and expressed shared concern on behalf of the Nevada DMV. She emphasized the commitment of the DMV's Compliance Enforcement Division, highlighting ongoing partnerships with Nevada Highway Patrol, Las Vegas Metro, and other jurisdictions. She noted that the DMV's team is small but proactive, and that her division chief has made "huge strides" in addressing plate-related violations, including participating in field ride-alongs.

> However, her response ultimately deferred responsibility to local legislators, encouraging me to seek policy changes or resource allocations through legislative advocacy. Aside from referring me to an antiquated and non-user friendly PDF-based reporting tool—which offers no online submission or follow-up tracking—no direct enforcement action or systemic changes at the DMV was proposed.

> By contrast, no response has been received from the Reno City Council or the Reno Police Department, despite recent past outreach.

> This is my first outreach to the Sparks Police Department regarding this matter. I last corresponded with them in early 2021 regarding a project and I found the agency to be both responsive and community oriented.

> Until a proactive, coordinated enforcement response is initiated, I will continue to document and report these violations on the public record.

> I respectfully request that your office consider the following:

> * Initiating targeted enforcement patrols focused on vehicle registration and insurance violations
> * Launching a public awareness campaign to deter use of expired or missing tags (which is noticeably absent in notice of "joining forces" campaigns).
> * Strengthening interagency coordination with the Nevada DMV Compliance and area dealerships issuing temporary permits

> Sincerely,
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The Blight of Unregistered/Uninsured Vehicles in the City and County

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In my daily travels through the City of Reno, I continue to observe an inordinate number of motor vehicles operating on public roads without visible license plates or with expired or fraudulently displayed temporary placards. These violations are not anecdotal—they are a daily, well-documented occurrence and reflect a pattern of disregard for Nevada’s registration and insurance laws. Many of the vehicles appear to be older models that likely cannot pass emissions testing and may be uninsured. Other seem to be too lazy to make an appointment with DMV to register their vehicles, The cumulative effect of this behavior is a persistent erosion of public safety, elevated insurance premiums for law-abiding drivers, a breakdown in confidence in regulatory enforcement, an adverse environmental impact due to unchecked smog emissions and most of all—loss of much needed revenue for the state.

As part of my ongoing documentation efforts, I am submitting photographic and geolocation evidence of several vehicles recorded between April 15 and April 28, 2025. These images were captured using metadata-enabled photography that verifies time, date, location, elevation, speed, and direction of travel.

Vehicles Operating Without Visible License Plates:

1. White Toyota Sienna LE



- No license plate; rear-end damage visible
- Date/Time: April 19, 2025, at 7:49 AM
- Location: 2890 S. Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89502

- GPS: N 39° 29' 50.156", W 119° 47' 56.394"

2. Silver Volkswagen Jetta VR6



- Rear plate mount empty
- Date/Time: April 21, 2025, at 3:47 PM
- Location: 5301 Longley Lane, Reno, NV 89511
- GPS: N 39° 28' 19.894", W 119° 45' 58.903"

3. White Ford Econoline Passenger Van (Handicap placard on rear) Perhaps commercially transporting the disabled??



- No visible license plate
- Date/Time: April 23, 2025, at 1:53 PM
- Location: I-580 Northbound near Exit 33 (Plumb Ln / Villanova Dr), Reno, NV
- GPS: N 39° 29' 49.174", W 119° 47' 2.103"

4. Silver Tesla Model Y



- Rear plate mount empty
- Date/Time: April 26, 2025, at 7:17 PM
- Location: 55 Damonte Ranch Pkwy, Reno, NV 89521
- GPS: N 39° 25' 9.217", W 119° 45' 21.553"

5. Gray Jeep Renegade



- Rear plate mount empty
- Date/Time: April 28, 2025, at 1:34 PM
- Location: South Meadows Parkway, Reno, NV 89521
- GPS: N 39° 26' 21.651", W 119° 45' 59.124"

Vehicles Displaying Expired or Questionable Temporary Tags:

6. White Ford Transit 350 Van



- Temporary tag: (Nevada) NY-415-688 – Expired April 11, 2025
- Date/Time: April 25, 2025, at 3:09 PM
- Location: Longley Lane, Reno, NV

7. White Honda Civic



- Nevada Wolf Pack novelty plate in place of license plate
- Date/Time: April 26, 2025, at 7:11 PM
- Location: 123 E. Grove Street, Reno, NV 89502

Despite the return to normal DMV operations following pandemic-era disruptions, this pattern of flagrant noncompliance persists. These are not technical lapses or rare oversights. They are repeated violations of Nevada Revised Statutes concerning vehicle registration and financial responsibility.

Today, May 5, 2025, marks the official launch of the *Joining Forces* Click It or Ticket campaign by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and participating agencies. While the focus on seatbelt usage and driver safety is vital, this initiative represents a prime opportunity to address another high-impact public safety issue—unregistered, uninsured, and untraceable vehicles. Unfortunately, enforcement against expired or fraudulent placards remains absent from current messaging or operations, despite its comparable risk. The Sparks Police Department recently advertised a focused enforcement effort to combat unregistered vehicles. If the Sparks Police Department can do it, so can the Reno Police Department, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the Nevada Highway Patrol. Enforcement of unregistered vehicle laws must be continuous and a concerted effort involving Nevada DMV Compliance Enforcement to effectively combat the problem.

I respectfully urge the following:

- **Targeted Enforcement:** Proactively include unregistered and uninsured vehicle enforcement in current *Joining Forces* patrols.
- **Public Awareness:** Launch a parallel public information campaign warning of penalties for expired or fraudulent placards.
- **Interagency Coordination:** Collaborate with DMV Compliance Enforcement and vehicle dealerships to crack down on unregistered vehicles, improper use of temporary tags and in transit permits.

I will continue to document and report this issue. I remain available for further consultation.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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Continuous Observation of Unregistered Vehicles in Washoe County (Reno/Sparks Included)

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Vehicles Operating Without Visible License Plates:

1. Gray Jeep Renegade

- Rear plate mount empty
- Date/Time: April 28, 2025, at 1:34 PM
- Location: S Meadows Parkway, Reno, NV 89521
- GPS: N 39° 26' 21.651", W 119° 45' 59.124"
- Altitude: 1372.8 meters | Direction: 298° NW | Speed: 1.7 km/h



2. Blue Harley-Davidson Motorcycle

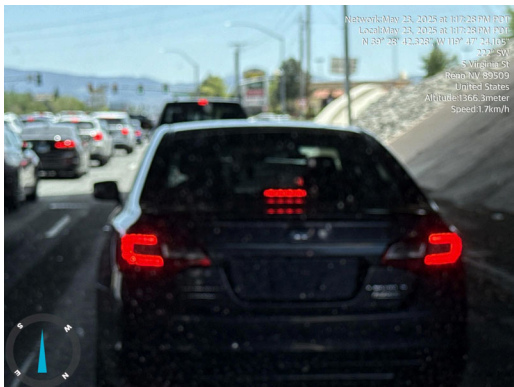
- No license plate visible
- Date/Time: May 10, 2025, at 12:14 PM

- Location: 15 McCabe Dr, Reno, NV 89511
- GPS: N 39° 25' 38.837", W 119° 45' 44.087"
- Altitude: 1381.6 meters | Direction: 48° NE | Speed: 4.6 km/h



3. Black Sedan (Possibly Ford Fusion)

- No license plate visible
- Date/Time: May 23, 2025, at 1:17 PM
- Location: S Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89509
- GPS: N 39° 28' 42.328", W 119° 47' 24.105"
- Altitude: 1366.3 meters | Direction: 222° SW | Speed: 1.7 km/h



4. White Toyota Corolla (Older Model)

- Rear plate mount empty
- Date/Time: May 21, 2025, at 2:01 PM
- Location: S Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89511
- GPS: N 39° 26' 55.297", W 119° 46' 30.671"
- Altitude: 1373.4 meters | Direction: 44° NE | Speed: 15.4 km/h



5. Blue Chevrolet minivan (with flame decal)

- Rear plate mount empty
- Date/Time: May 22, 2025, at 4:06 PM
- Location: 12521-12557 S Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89511
- GPS: N 39° 25' 9.355", W 119° 45' 24.970"
- Altitude: 1383.2 meters | Direction: 56° NE | Speed: 2.8 km/h



6. Green Toyota Highlander (For Sale, No Plates Displayed)

- Rear plate mount empty; handwritten "For Sale" sign with phone number
- Date/Time: May 27, 2025, at 3:01 PM
- Location: 5212-5220 Longley Ln, Reno, NV 89511
- GPS: N 39° 28' 34.489", W 119° 45' 52.133"
- Altitude: 1350.0 meters | Direction: 317° NW | Speed: 2.9 km/h
- Sign Details: "2007 Toyota Highlander," \$5,500, phone: 775-741-3734



Vehicles Displaying Expired or Questionable Temporary Tags:

7. Beige Ford F-150

- Temporary Tag: NY-682-003 – Expired April 11, 2025
- Date/Time: May 9, 2025, at 3:01 PM
- Location: E Second Street, Reno, NV 89502
- GPS: N 39° 31' 33.973", W 119° 46' 57.811"
- Altitude: 1358.1 meters | Direction: 343° N | Speed: 6.9 km/h



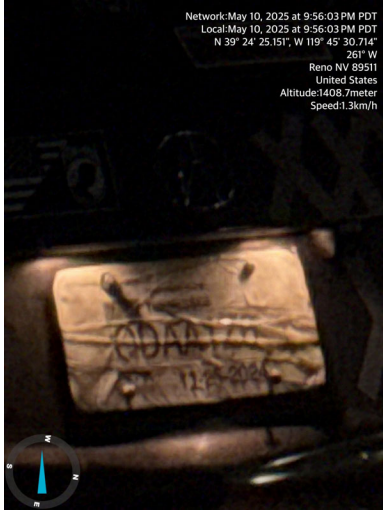
8. Silver Toyota Corolla (Dolan Auto Group)

- Temporary Tag: NY-882-727 – Expires May 18, 2025
- Date/Time: May 22, 2025, at 3:58 PM
- Location: 6291-6299 Neil Road, Reno, NV 89511
- GPS: N 39° 28' 5.076", W 119° 47' 4.028"
- Altitude: 1360.6 meters | Direction: 60° NE | Speed: 1.0 km/h



9. Unidentified Vehicle (paper tag marked "QDAA 12-28-2023")

- Handwritten or fraudulent paper tag
- Date/Time: May 10, 2025, at 9:56 PM
- Location: Reno, NV 89511
- GPS: N 39° 24' 25.151", W 119° 45' 30.714"
- Altitude: 1408.7 meters | Direction: 261° W | Speed: 1.3 km/h



10. Black Acura SUV

- Temporary Tag: – possibly expired or invalid
- Date/Time: May 9, 2025, at 3:57 PM
- Location: 7587-7599 Longley Ln, Reno, NV 89511
- GPS: N 39° 27' 23.335\", W 119° 46' 42.618\"
- Altitude: 1364.8 meters | Direction: 265° W | Speed: 0.2 km/h



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As of May 2025, the **Joining Forces “Click It or Ticket” campaign** is underway. While the focus on seatbelt usage and driver safety is commendable, this moment offers an opportunity to spotlight another critical public safety issue: unregistered, uninsured, and untraceable vehicles. Agencies like the Sparks Police Department have shown leadership by launching targeted enforcement against these violations. Reno PD, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, NHP, and DMV Compliance Enforcement must do the same. I see that there has been progress in the enforcement action that has been taken thus far but due to the widespread issue of scofflaw vehicles, enforcement must be unrelenting until this problem is brought under control.

I have been discussing this long-standing matter for quite some time. The issue is now beginning to gain traction. On **May 26, 2025**, the local publication **This Is Reno** highlighted these concerns in a feature article: <https://thisisreno.com/2025/05/unregistered-vehicles-reno-tickets-and-fines/>

I hope that local and state government agencies will take action to address this polarized concern. To date, I have received limited responses from official which shows that there is much official interest in addressing this matter. I will

continue to document and report this issue as I observe these violations.

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Fw: Unregistered Vehicles in City of Reno and Washoe County Jurisdiction 5/28 to 5/31/25

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To the Members of the Reno City Council and the Washoe County Commission, Reno Police Chief Kathryn Vance, Sheriff Darin Balaam, Sparks Police Chief Chris Crawforth, Nevada DMV Director Tonya Laney, Nevada DMV Compliance Enforcement Chief JD Decker, and Other State and Local Officials:

In my daily travels through the City of Reno, I continue to observe an alarming number of motor vehicles operating on public roads without visible license plates or displaying expired or fraudulent temporary placards. These violations are not isolated anecdotes—they occur regularly and are thoroughly documented. They reflect a growing pattern of disregard for Nevada’s registration and insurance laws.

Many of the vehicles involved appear to be older models that likely cannot pass emissions inspections and may be uninsured. Others may simply be evading registration requirements. Regardless of the reason, the cumulative impact of this ongoing noncompliance includes increased public safety risks, higher insurance premiums for law-abiding drivers, diminished confidence in regulatory enforcement, environmental harm from unchecked emissions, and the loss of significant state revenue.

As part of my continuing documentation efforts, I am submitting photographic and geolocation evidence of several vehicles recorded between **May 28 and May 31, 2025**. These images were captured using metadata-enabled photography that verifies date, time, location, elevation, speed, and direction of travel.

Vehicles Operating Without Visible License Plates:

1. Silver Chevrolet Tahoe

- Rear license plate missing
- Date/Time: May 28, 2025, at 2:14 PM
- Location: I-580 Northbound near Exit 33 (Plumb Ln / Villanova Dr), Reno, NV 89502
- GPS: N 39° 29' 37.425", W 119° 47' 3.886"
- Altitude: 1354.6 meters | Direction: 198° S | Speed: 115.5 km/h



2. Silver Chevrolet SUV (with cowboy decal)

- Rear plate mount faded/obscured
- Date/Time: May 30, 2025, at 12:40 PM
- Location: Arrow Creek Parkway, Reno, NV 89511
- GPS: N 39° 25' 7.427", W 119° 45' 24.841"
- Altitude: 1382.3 meters | Direction: 335° NW | Speed: 0.7 km/h



3. Red Pontiac Vibe

- Rear plate not visible
- Date/Time: May 30, 2025, at 3:48 PM
- Location: 12521-12557 S Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89511
- GPS: N 39° 25' 9.209", W 119° 45' 25.094"
- Altitude: 1381.6 meters | Direction: 233° SW | Speed: 7.2 km/h



4. Two-tone Red and Teal Dodge Ram Pickup (Rear View)

- Rear plate missing or obscured
- Date/Time: May 31, 2025, at 11:25 AM
- Location: Arrow Creek Parkway, Reno, NV 89511/19936-19952 Thomas Creek Road, Reno, NV 89511
- GPS: N 39° 24' 16.247", W 119° 47' 25.498"
- GPS: N 39° 28' 33.438", W 119° 47' 26.542"



Vehicles Displaying Expired or Questionable Temporary Tags:

5. Black Toyota Highlander

- Temporary Tag: NY-572-644 - Expired April 30, 2025
- Date/Time: May 31, 2025, at 11:52 AM
- Location: 75 Foothill Rd, Reno, NV 89511
- GPS: N 39° 26' 22.057", W 119° 46' 17.252"
- Altitude: 1375.9 meters | Direction: 270° W | Speed: 3.3 km/h



6. Gray Honda Odyssey (Courtesy Honda)

- Temporary Tag: NY-891-621 - Expired May 28, 2025
- Date/Time: May 31, 2025, at 11:53 AM
- Location: 100 Foothill Rd, Reno, NV 89511
- GPS: N 39° 26' 20.210", W 119° 46' 13.390"
- Altitude: 1375.7 meters | Direction: 285° W | Speed: 1.8 km/h



Despite the full resumption of DMV operations following pandemic-era disruptions, this pattern of flagrant noncompliance persists. These are not minor technical oversights—they represent widespread and deliberate violations of Nevada Revised Statutes concerning vehicle registration and financial responsibility.

While I routinely observe public messaging about the “Joining Forces” initiative and campaigns addressing seatbelt compliance and distracted driving—which are undoubtedly important—there is a noticeable silence around the issue of unregistered vehicles. To date, only the Sparks Police Department appears to have publicly acknowledged this issue with targeted enforcement efforts. Reno PD, the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office, the Nevada Highway Patrol, and DMV Compliance Enforcement should follow suit. The current lack of coordinated enforcement sends a message of indifference to a growing public safety threat.

I have raised this concern repeatedly. Encouragingly, it is beginning to gain traction. On **May 26, 2025**, the local news outlet *This Is Reno* published a feature highlighting this exact issue: <https://thisisreno.com/2025/05/unregistered-vehicles-reno-tickets-and-fines>

I strongly urge local and state government officials to take substantive, coordinated action on this matter. I will continue to document these violations and remain available for further consultation or assistance as needed

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Documented Ongoing Pattern of Vehicles Operating Without License Plates or with Expired Tags in Reno, Nevada

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To Whom It May Concern:

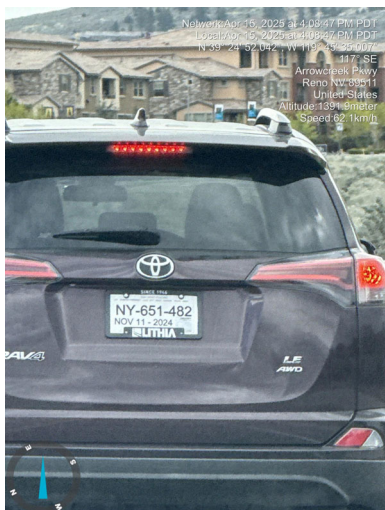
I am submitting photographic and geolocation evidence documenting an ongoing and widespread issue in the City of Reno involving motor vehicles operating without visible license plates or with expired temporary permits. These violations were recorded between April 15 and April 19, 2025, using metadata-enabled photography that captures GPS coordinates, timestamp verification, direction of travel, vehicle speed, and elevation.

The vehicles observed are listed below, categorized by the nature of the violations:

Vehicles with Expired or Questionable Temporary Tags:

1. Toyota RAV4

- *Temporary tag: (Nevada) NY-651-482 - Expired November 11, 2024*
- Location: Arrowcreek Parkway, Reno, NV 89511
- Date/Time: April 15, 2025, at 4:08 PM
- GPS: N 39° 24' 52.042", W 119° 45' 35.007"



2. White Ford Mustang GT

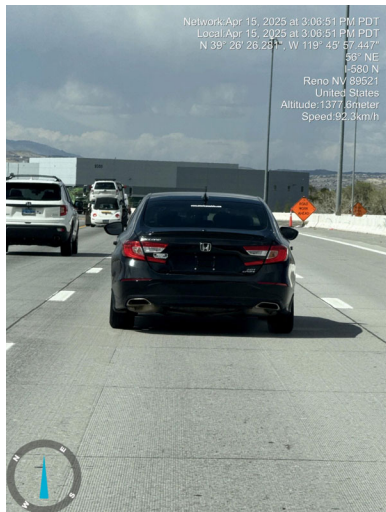
- *Alaska Temporary Permit T215688 - Expired*
- Location: Arrowcreek Parkway, Reno, NV 89511
- Date/Time: April 17, 2025, at 4:47 PM
- GPS: N 39° 25' 7.299", W 119° 45' 25.639"



Vehicles Operating Without Visible License Plates:

3. Black Honda Accord 2.0T Sport

- *No license plate observed*
- Location: I-580 Northbound, Reno, NV 89521
- Date/Time: April 15, 2025, between 3:06 PM and 3:07 PM
- GPS Range: N 39° 26' 26.281" to 39° 26' 52.367", W 119° 45' 57.447" to 119° 46' 19.929"



4. Beige Ford F-150 Pickup Truck

- *Rear license plate mount empty*
- Location: South Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89511
- Date/Time: April 15, 2025, at 6:46 PM
- GPS: N 39° 25' 39.875" to N 39° 25' 34.320"



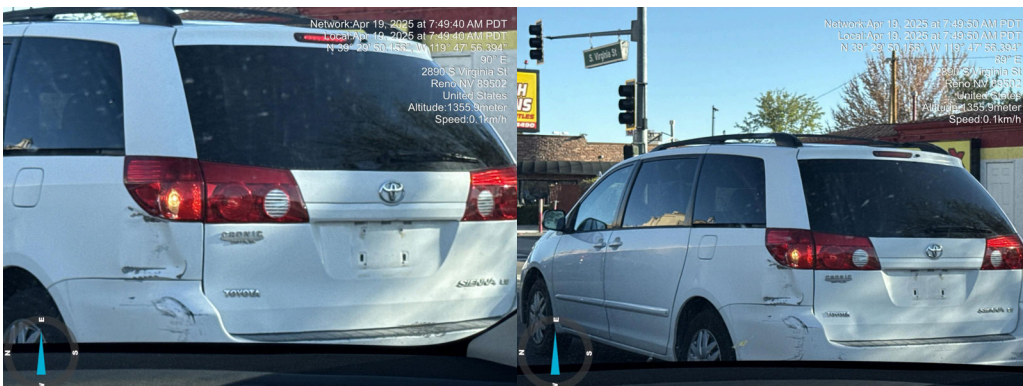
5. Silver Honda CR-V

- *Rear plate removed; mounting bracket visible*
- Location: East Second Street, Reno, NV 89502 ***this vehicle drove into the City of Sparks***
- Date/Time: April 17, 2025, at 3:10 PM
- GPS: N 39° 31' 38.796", W 119° 47' 22.956"



6. White Toyota Sienna LE

- *No license plate; rear-end damage visible*
- Location: South Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89502
- Date/Time: April 19, 2025, at 7:49 AM
- GPS: N 39° 29' 50.156", W 119° 47' 56.394"



7. Silver Subaru WRX (First Observed in September 2024)

- *No rear license plate*
- Location: 473 East Grove Street, Reno, NV 89502
- Date/Time: April 18, 2025, at 11:30 AM
- GPS: N 39° 30' 3.220", W 119° 47' 27.039"
- Altitude: 1353.5 meters



This evidence, captured during regular travel, reflects a small sample of the widespread noncompliance with state vehicle registration and insurance requirements observed on a daily basis.

Despite the return to normal DMV operations following pandemic-related disruptions, this pattern of illegal vehicle operation persists. It contributes to:

- Increased auto insurance premiums for compliant motorists
- Greater risk of hit-and-run incidents involving uninsured drivers
- Erosion of public confidence in enforcement and regulatory agencies

Public sentiment across social media and community forums increasingly reflects frustration with the visible lack of enforcement.

I have received formal responses from Commissioners Mike Clark and Clara Andriola, a lieutenant in the Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) Community Engagement, and Director Tonya Laney of the Nevada DMV. Of those, Commissioner Clark met with me in person, listened to my concerns, and offered constructive solutions. The WCSO responded with facts and interest in further addressing the problem.

Director Laney acknowledged the issue and expressed shared concern on behalf of the Nevada DMV. She emphasized the commitment of the DMV's Compliance Enforcement Division, highlighting ongoing partnerships with Nevada Highway Patrol, Las Vegas Metro, and other jurisdictions. She noted that the DMV's team is small but proactive, and that her division chief has made "huge strides" in addressing plate-related violations, including participating in field ride-alongs.

However, her response ultimately deferred responsibility to local legislators, encouraging me to seek policy changes or resource allocations through legislative advocacy. Aside from referring me to an antiquated and non-user friendly PDF-based reporting tool—which offers no online submission or follow-up tracking—no direct enforcement action or systemic changes at the DMV was proposed.

By contrast, no response has been received from the Reno City Council or the Reno Police Department, despite recent past outreach.

This is my first outreach to the Sparks Police Department regarding this matter. I last corresponded with them in early 2021 regarding a project and I found the agency to be both responsive and community oriented.

Until a proactive, coordinated enforcement response is initiated, I will continue to document and report these violations on the public record.

I respectfully request that your office consider the following:

- Initiating targeted enforcement patrols focused on vehicle registration and insurance violations
- Launching a public awareness campaign to deter use of expired or missing tags (which is noticeably absent in notice of "joining forces" campaigns).
- Strengthening interagency coordination with the Nevada DMV Compliance and area dealerships issuing temporary permits

Sincerely,

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