

## Abandoned Vehicles

### **How do I title a vehicle in my name that has been abandoned?**

You must contact ND Highway Patrol and request a VIN Inspection. Submit the completed [SFN 2486 Certificate of Vehicle Inspection](#) form and a [SFN 51269 a Request for Personal Information](#) form with a \$3.00 fee to the ND Motor Vehicle Records Section.

- **If the vehicle has a title record** you must contact the last titled owner and request they obtain a duplicate title, and if applicable a lien release, and sign the duplicate title over to you. If you are unable to locate the last titled owner we would require a court order awarding you ownership of the vehicle along with a completed [SFN 2872 Application for Certificate of Title](#) form, a \$5.00 title fee, excise tax in the amount of 5% of the fair market value and registration fee will be due.
- **If the vehicle does not have a title record** ND Highway Patrol must inspect the vehicle to verify the VIN. The completed [SFN 2486 Certificate of Vehicle Inspection](#) form must be submitted along with an [SFN 2872 Application for Certificate of Title](#), a notarized [SFN 2888 Seller's Certificate and Vehicle Bill of Sale](#) form, and a notarized Statement of Fact from the applicant. \$5.00 title fee, taxes in the amount of 5% of the fair market value, registration fees if the vehicle is roadworthy, and \$1.50 abandoned disposal fee are due.

When no record of a previous title is found, the division will check the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) computer to ensure that the vehicle is not listed as a stolen vehicle.