

*AMENDS E.O. 303-02*

1. REQUEST FOR
- LOCAL LOOKOUT
  - INTERSTATE TT
  - ADMINISTRATIVE TT
  - DETAIL (Sec Reverse)

2. TYPE
- ORIGINAL
  - EXPEDITE
  - ADDITIONAL
  - CANCEL
  - CORRECTION
  - REPEAT
  - REPLY

3. COMPLAINT NUMBER

6. DATE OF REQUEST  
*MAR 30 2009*

4. UNIT NUMBER  
*(202) 727-4218*

7. REQUESTING ELEMENT  
*EOCOP*

5.  NOT FOR THE PRESS

8.

9. TO  
**THE FORCE**

10. NAME OF WANTED PERSON

11. WANTED BY

12. CHARGE

13. COMPLAINANT'S NAME

14. COMPLAINANT'S ADDRESS

**Motor Vehicle Registration Card Enforcement Procedures**  
**Traffic Infraction: Failure to Possess Motor Vehicle Registration Card**

The purpose of this teletype is to advise members of the appropriate enforcement procedures in instances where a motorist does not have in his/her possession or in the motor vehicle being operated a registration certificate, also known as a registration card, when driving a vehicle otherwise properly registered.

District of Columbia laws and regulations require motorists to have in their possession or in the motor vehicle being operated a valid registration certificate at all times when operating a motor vehicle. Upon demand, the operator is required to produce the registration certificate for police officer. Although a violator of this requirement is subject to arrest under D.C. Official Code § 50-1501.04, in cases where the vehicle is otherwise properly registered and the infraction is limited to the failure to possess motor vehicle registration certificate (with no other violations for which a summary arrest is required), the enforcing member shall issue a NOI in lieu of arrest or issuance of a P.D. 61-D for "Fail to Exhibit Registration." The violation under such NOI's shall be written as, "Fail to Exhibit Registration" (DCMR, Title 18 § 421.1), BTA Violation Code #T658. The fine for #T658 is \$10.

Members considering making an arrest under D.C. Official Code § 50-1501.04 may only do so when they can persuasively demonstrate a law enforcement need to take a vehicle operator into custody, and may only do so after conferring with the element Watch Commander who shall review the circumstances and approve such an arrest.

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