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Subject: DVS Notice

You are receiving this letter because your name and/or address that you asked to be kept private when you registered your vehicle was inadvertently included in data sent to authorized users.

At the time when you requested that this information be classified as private data, you provided an alternate address to be used in place of your residence address.

What happened and why?

A "bulk motor vehicle file" is a database of all vehicles titled and/or registered in the state of Minnesota. The file contains the name, address, VIN, vehicle description, and lien holder of each vehicle. This information is updated daily and is provided in bulk form to authorized users as required by law.

- These files are purchased by three companies: Experian, RL Polk, and SafetyFirst Recalls.
- State and federal law require DVS to provide the motor vehicle information to these companies.
- These companies purchase updates to vehicle records to, among other permitted uses, administer safety recalls by automobile manufacturers.
- The bulk data purchasers are subject to the same state and federal laws as the Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services division (DVS) regarding protection and use of your data. Names and addresses in DVS motor vehicle records are not public data.
- Please know that your data was shared with authorized users only and for authorized purposes only.

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What is being done?

Minnesota IT Services made changes to the bulk motor vehicle file and removed the motor vehicle records of individuals who requested that their data be classified as private. The changes to any of your records are no longer included in the bulk motor vehicle file sent to Experian, RL Polk, and SafetyFirst Recalls.

For additional questions, you can email dvs.admin@state.mn.us or contact our office at 651-201-7910.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dawn M. Olson".

Dawn Olson, Director
Driver and Vehicle Services Division