

VEHICLE IMMOBILIZATION NOTICE

If the Court has granted a pre-trial release of a vehicle, the vehicle may be subject to sanctions in the future if the defendant is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of R.C. 4510.11, 4510.14, 4511.161, 4510.41, 4511.19, 4511.193, or 4511.203 or a substantially similar municipal ordinance. Depending on your record at the time of sentencing, the Court may issue an order for the immobilization of the vehicle and the impoundment of the license plates or an order for the forfeiture of the vehicle.

You may not sell, assign, or transfer the vehicle while your case is pending without permission from the Court.

If the vehicle has been relocated and immobilized but is moved to and found at a different address than that ordered by the Court, the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction where the vehicle is found may seize and impound the vehicle until further order of the Court.

If you are convicted of or plead guilty to an offense and the Court issues an order of immobilization:

- You may not sell, assign, or transfer title to the vehicle during the period of immobilization without prior approval of the Court. If the vehicle is sold, assigned, or transferred without obtaining an order from the Court, the Court may instruct the Registrar of the BMV not to accept any application for vehicle registration from the vehicle owner for a period of two years, and, if the vehicle was subject to forfeiture, the defendant may be fined for the value of the vehicle.
- A law enforcement agency will send you a notice after the immobilization period ends. You will have 20 days after the date of the notice to obtain release of the vehicle; otherwise, the vehicle will be forfeited and the vehicle owner may be charged the costs of removal, storage, and immobilization.

If the vehicle is subject to forfeiture, the Court may impose a fine in the amount of the vehicle's value if the vehicle is sold, assigned, or transferred and a lienholder or other person with an interest in the vehicle seeks return of the vehicle under R.C. 4503.234(B)(2) or (3).