

Illegal Vehicle Sales Lead to \$18,000 Fine

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Toronto, November 05, 2009 - The Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council (OMVIC) reports Jazid Kaz Khan was fined \$18,000 (plus victim surcharge) for selling vehicles illegally and without disclosure. Khan pled guilty to three counts under the Motor Vehicle Dealers Act (MVDA) for selling vehicles without registration and three counts of misrepresentation under the Consumer Protection Act, 2002.

In Ontario, all motor vehicle dealers and salespeople must be registered under the MVDA before engaging in the business of buying, selling or leasing vehicles. In the industry, unregistered individuals selling vehicles are known as "curbsiders" and are subject to prosecution. The vehicles curbsiders sell are often misrepresented, accident-damaged, odometer-tampered, stolen, or have liens against them.

Khan was previously registered as a dealer under the Act, operating as Superior Motors. Khan's charges and fine stem from vehicles sold after the dealership was no longer registered.

OMVIC encourages consumers to keep the following in mind when considering a motor vehicle purchase:

- All dealers and salespeople in Ontario must be registered. To verify registration, visit www.buywithconfidence.ca or call 1-800-943-6002. Consumers can also identify Ontario-registered dealers by looking for the blue and yellow "Ontario-registered dealer" decal or by asking dealers to provide their OMVIC registration.
- OMVIC provides complaint handling services when buying, selling or leasing through a registered dealer. For information, call OMVIC at 1-800-943-6002.
- Transactions conducted through registered motor vehicle dealers are protected through the Motor Vehicle Dealers Compensation Fund. The fund is financed by registered dealers and is available (under specific criteria) to consumers who may have suffered a financial loss from their motor vehicle transaction. This protection is lost if buying privately or through a curbsider.
- If you decide to buy privately, ensure the seller provides a Used Vehicle Information Package, and consider having the vehicle checked by an independent mechanic you trust.
- Suspected curbsiders can be reported to OMVIC by calling 1-888-NOCURBS, or by emailing nocurbs@omvic.on.ca.

About OMVIC

OMVIC licences and regulates motor vehicle dealers in Ontario and enforces the Motor Vehicle Dealers Act on behalf of the **Minister of Consumer Services**. OMVIC's mandate is to maintain a fair, safe and informed marketplace by ensuring registration of dealers and salespeople, inspecting dealerships, maintaining a complaint line for consumers, conducting investigations and enforcing the Act and its associated rules and regulations. OMVIC is also responsible for administering the Motor Vehicle Dealers Compensation Fund on behalf of a Board of Trustees.

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