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OSI's Auto Theft Prevention Authority to Offer Free VIN Etching *With Albuquerque's Rating as the #1 Hot Spot for Auto Crimes, VIN Etching Can Deter Thieves*

Santa Fe, NM – The Office of Superintendent of Insurance's (OSI) Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) is collaborating with the Better Business Bureau Serving New Mexico and Southwest Colorado to host *Secure Your ID Day*. This national event was created to promote awareness about identity theft and fraud protection. On Saturday, April 21st, the Albuquerque shred event will be held at event sponsor Black Dog Shredding's facility. This year the New Mexico Auto Theft Prevention Authority within the OSI will be offering free VIN etching.

Free Shredding

The maximum number of bags per consumer or business is two large size bags.

Documents to consider:

- Canceled and voided checks
- Pay stubs
- Credit card and bank statements
- Credit reports and histories
- Tax forms
- Used airline tickets
- Medical and dental records
- Anything with a Social Security Number on it

Free VIN Etching

The New Mexico Auto Theft Prevention Authority within the [Office of Superintendent of Insurance](#) is committed to consumer protection, fraud prosecution, and education. Auto theft is a problem for all Americans, but the citizens of New Mexico face a particular issue that affects our auto theft rate.

What is VIN Etching?

VIN etching is the permanent engraving of a vehicle's federally registered vehicle identification number (VIN) onto its windshield and windows. VIN etching is often seen as a deterrent to thieves because it not only makes it nearly impossible for thieves to profit from selling windows and windshields, but it also makes it more difficult for thieves to find a way to dispose of the vehicle once it has been stolen. As a result, VIN etching is recommended by police and insurance agencies to protect against auto theft.

The process to have your car VIN etched is simple and takes only a few minutes. Typically, the process includes developing a stencil of your VIN number that is then used with glass etching paste to engrave the number onto the windows of your vehicle.

When and Where:

Saturday, April 21, 2018

10 AM - 12 PM

Black Dog Shredding Shack

2800 Vassar Dr NE, Suite B

Albuquerque, NM 87107

Registration for the event at <https://secureyourid.eventbrite.com> is not required but it will help us better prepare. Your RSVP will be highly appreciated!

Remember, if you see something, say something: If you suspect insurance fraud or want to report suspicious activity, notify OSI's Fraud Bureau online at www.stopfraud.org.

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About the New Mexico Office of the Superintendent of Insurance

The Office of Superintendent of Insurance was created through New Mexico legislative action in 2012. Article XI, Section 20, of the New Mexico Constitution separated the Insurance Division from the Public Regulation Commission, with the Superintendent of Insurance, John G. Franchini, being appointed by an insurance nominating committee, made of members chosen by the Legislature, governor, and by committee members.

The Office of Superintendent of Insurance Enforcement Division's mission is to investigate criminal and regulatory violations under the NM Insurance Code with the Insurance Fraud Bureau being tasked with detecting, reducing, investigating, and prosecuting violations. Insurance Fraud Bureau officers are sworn members of law enforcement working to protect consumers in New Mexico by participating in joint operations and identifying trends in insurance fraud.

OSI remains committed to consumer protection and fraud prosecution and education, through our mission to provide convenient access to consumers to reliable insurance products which are underwritten by dependable and financially sound companies. We strive to ensure that these companies have a proven history of fair and reasonable rates and are represented by trustworthy and qualified agents. For consumer assistance through the Office of Superintendent of Insurance, please visit www.osi.state.nm.us or call us at 1-855-857-0972.