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Affidavit for Stolen-Unrecovered Vehicle Title

This application may be used when a settlement has occurred between an insurance company and the insured for a vehicle that has been reported as stolen in this state. The outstanding properly assigned certificate of title must be submitted along with this application for processing. If the outstanding certificate of title is lost or stolen, the owner (at time of theft) must complete the owner certification at the bottom of this form.

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER										TRANS. CODE	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY TYPE
K N D P M C A C 0 M 7 9 0 8 3 1 4										01	2021	Kia	Sportage	
CYLS	DATE OF PURCHASE			COLOR			CURRENT ALABAMA TITLE NO.							
4	02/17/2023			Gray			71930582							

OWNER INFORMATION – FELONY OFFENSE FOR FALSE ADDRESS

NAME OF INSURANCE COMPANY

Black Warrior Mutual Casualty				
MAILING ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP
P.O. Box 43118 Tuscaloosa AL 35401				

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSURANCE COMPANY AND ADJUSTING COMPANY (IF ANY)

NAME OF INSURANCE COMPANY

Black Warrior Mutual Casualty				
PHYSICAL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP
2900 Greensboro Ave Tuscaloosa AL 35401				
ADJUSTER'S NAME		TELEPHONE NUMBER		
Lamar T. Escoe (205) 555-0197				

NAME OF ADJUSTING COMPANY

Cahaba Claims Services				
PHYSICAL ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP
118 Chandler St Selma AL 36701				
ADJUSTER'S NAME		TELEPHONE NUMBER		
Ivy N. Rathbone (334) 555-0111				

INSURANCE COMPANY CLAIM OR POLICY NUMBER

BWM-2026-30714 05/28/2026

DATE VEHICLE DECLARED STOLEN

CITY / STATE WHERE THEFT OCCURRED

Birmingham, Alabama

***If the theft occurred outside of Alabama, the applicant must comply with theft laws in the state where the theft occurred.

I, the undersigned, certify that all information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that the outstanding certificate of title is lost or stolen.

Owner's Signature (at time of theft) _____ Date _____

I, the undersigned, certify that all information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that the insurance company listed above is now the owner of the vehicle due to a stolen vehicle settlement between the insured and the insurance company.

Insurance Company's Representative Signature _____ Date _____

How to fill out MVT 40-1E — Affidavit for Stolen-Unrecovered Vehicle Title

Alabama · written against MVT 40-1E (2/24), issued under Code of Ala. 1975, Section 32-8-87(b)

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What is filed after an insurer settles a theft claim on a car that was never found. Alabama treats a theft settlement as a total loss, so the vehicle has to leave the owner's name even though nobody can produce it. The insurer completes most of the sheet; the owner at the time of the theft completes the certification at the bottom, and only where the certificate itself is lost or stolen along with the car - which, given that the certificate is usually in the house rather than the glovebox, is not automatic.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank MVT 40-1E from the Alabama Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division at <https://www.revenue.alabama.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/MVT-40-1E-2-24.pdf> — always take the current revision from the agency rather than a copy. Print this and keep it beside you while you complete theirs.

Every line, in the order you meet it

1	YOU	Vehicle identification number	Seventeen characters, one to a box, in the comb across the head of the form. Watch out: One character per box. A VIN written continuously through a comb is the single most common reason a scanned Alabama form comes back.
2	YOU	Year, make, model, body type	Four fields to the right of the preprinted transaction code. Watch out: The transaction code is already printed as 01 and is not yours to change. It tells the Department which kind of title transaction this is.
3	YOU	Cylinders, date of purchase, colour	Three fields on the second row, describing the vehicle as the certificate describes it. Watch out: Date of purchase is when you bought the car, not the date of the theft or of the settlement. Three dates live on this form and they are all different.
4	YOU	Current Alabama title number	The number of the certificate that is being replaced, at the right-hand end of the vehicle band. Watch out: If you cannot find it, a designated agent can. It is what connects this affidavit to a real record rather than to a VIN.
5	AGENT	Owner information	The insurance company's name and mailing address, because after a settlement the insurer is the owner. Watch out: The block is headed FELONY OFFENSE FOR FALSE ADDRESS in italics, and that heading is on the block a company completes, not the one you do.
6	AGENT	Insurance and adjusting company details	Names, physical addresses, adjuster names and telephone numbers for the insurer and, if there is one, the adjusting company. Watch out: Two adjusters can appear on one claim. The form gives each of them a name and a number because the Department may well ring one of them.
7	AGENT	Claim number and date declared stolen	The insurance company claim or policy number, and the date the vehicle was declared stolen. Watch out: Declared stolen, not reported stolen. Insurers use both dates and only one of them belongs here.
8	YOU	Owner's certification	You sign and date, certifying the information is true and that the outstanding certificate of title is lost or stolen. Watch out: Only sign this if the certificate really is gone. If it is in a drawer at home, the insurer needs it properly assigned instead, and this block stays empty.

What gets this one rejected

- Filing it where the certificate is safely at home. The instruction is that the outstanding properly assigned certificate of title must be submitted along with this application - the owner's certification exists only for the case where it cannot be.
- An owner signing the insurance company's block, or an adjuster signing the owner's. They are two separate certifications about two different things.
- Using it before the claim has settled. The first line limits it to where a settlement has occurred between an insurance company and the insured.
- Leaving the date the vehicle was declared stolen empty. It is the event the whole affidavit turns on.
- Assuming an out-of-state theft can be dealt with entirely in Alabama. The asterisked note sends the applicant to the theft laws of the state where it happened.

☒ Amber is what you write ☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes The filled-in example is at the start of this sheet.