



Minnesota Department of Public Safety
Driver and Vehicle Services
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Affidavit Regarding Due Diligence

Use this form when your vehicle is six model years or older and it cannot be titled or registered because you do not have the required title documents, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 168A.07.

Instructions:

1. Print or type to complete this form: Affidavit Regarding Due Diligence (PS2026).
2. The form and additional documents noted below must be submitted at a Deputy Registrar office. To determine the amount due and to find the office nearest to you, visit drive.mn.gov or call (651) 201-7777. Do not mail in the form.

Vehicle description

1. Model Year: 1984 Make: Ford Model: F-150 Type: Truck Plate Number: None

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Vehicle Identification Number

Fair market value and buyer/seller information

2. 3,400 List the fair market value of this ☒ Evidence of fair market value, pictures of the vehicle, etching of VIN or picture of VIN (vehicle identification number) are attached.

Note: You must provide evidence of this valuation, such as a printout of the NADA or Blue Book price guide or other documentation. Picture(s) should clearly show all sides of the vehicle. Include picture or etching of VIN (vehicle identification number).

3. Teodoro J. Machado (full name of applicant) being sworn/affirmed on oath state:
714 Willow St NW, Faribault, MN 55021 (address of applicant)

I purchased the vehicle from: Harlow B. Renquist 05/02/2026
Name of seller Date of Sale
22140 Cannon Rd, Northfield, MN 55057
Address of seller

Check all

To qualify, applicant must attest by checking all boxes:

5. ☒ The vehicle is six model years or older (current calendar year - vehicle model year = six or more);
☒ I have attached a completed Application for Title, and all required taxes and fees have been paid;
☒ I am an owner of the vehicle; and
☒ I have physical possession of the vehicle.
☒ In attempting to transfer interest in the vehicle or obtain a certificate of title or lien release, I was unable after using due diligence to (check one):
6. ☐ (A) Determine the names or locations of one or more owners, prior owners, or lienholders, or
☒ (B) Successfully contact one or more owners, prior owners, or lienholders known to me.

Verification and Acknowledgement

I swear/affirm under oath, that the statements set forth herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Printed or Type Name of Petitioner (Applicant)	X Signature of Petitioner (Applicant)
Signed and attested before me on _____ (date)	
X Notary Signature	
County _____ State _____ My Commission Expires _____	Notary Stamp

How to fill out PS2026 — Affidavit Regarding Due Diligence

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The way out of a car whose previous owner or lienholder cannot be found. It is a sworn statement that you looked and failed, and it opens the bonded-title route: DVS values the vehicle, a surety bond is bought against that value, the title is issued branded, and after three years without a claim the brand comes off. It has a hard threshold - the vehicle has to be six model years or older - and it cannot be posted.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank PS2026 from the Minnesota Driver and Vehicle Services at <https://assets.dps.mn.gov/files/dvs/mv-ps2026-due-diligence-affidavit.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	BUYER	The vehicle description	Model year, make, model, type and plate number, then the vehicle identification number on the line below. Watch out: The model year is what decides whether you qualify at all, so take it from the identification number rather than from what the seller said.
2	BUYER	Fair market value	One figure, with the evidence tick beside it confirming a valuation and photographs are attached. Watch out: Do not guess low to save on the bond. DVS reviews the application and works the bond out from the value it determines, not from the number in the box.
3	BUYER	Full name and address of applicant	The two lines that open the sworn statement. Watch out: This is the person who will own the vehicle and who signs on oath. It cannot be a friend with more patience for paperwork.
4	BUYER	I purchased the vehicle from	The seller's name, the date of sale and the seller's address. Watch out: Put down what you actually have, including an address that turned out to be wrong - the affidavit is about a failed attempt and a blank line looks like no attempt at all.
5	BUYER	The four qualifying boxes	Six model years or older; application for title attached with taxes and fees paid; I am an owner; I have physical possession. All four. Watch out: The form says to qualify, applicant must attest by checking all boxes. Three out of four is not a partial qualification, it is a rejection.
6	BUYER	A or B	Unable to determine the names or locations of one or more owners, prior owners, or lienholders - or unable to successfully contact ones known to you. Watch out: Choose the one that is true. A lender that has been absorbed twice and whose successor will not answer is B; a handwritten bill of sale with a surname on it and nothing else is A.
7	BUYER	Sign it in front of a notary	The verification at the foot: I swear/affirm under oath, that the statements set forth herein are true and correct. Watch out: Notarise it before you go, then take it to a deputy registrar in person. This is one of the forms DVS specifically says not to post.

What gets this one rejected

- Posting it. Instruction 2 is unusually blunt for a state form: the form and additional documents must be submitted at a Deputy Registrar office, and do not mail in the form.
- A vehicle that is too new. Six model years is arithmetic, not judgement - current calendar year minus vehicle model year has to come to six or more.
- A valuation with nothing behind it. The form asks for evidence such as a printout of the NADA or Blue Book price guide, and the figure is what the size of the surety bond is worked out from.
- Photographs of one side of the car. Pictures should clearly show all sides of the vehicle, and a picture or etching of the identification number is required as well.
- Ticking both A and B. They are alternatives: either you could not find out who the owner or lienholder was, or you knew and could not reach them.
- An unnotarised signature. DVS's own no-proof-of-ownership page says the Affidavit of Due Diligence must be completed by the applicant and notarized.

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

Read off PS2026 (PS2026-06, 6/2026) and the Minnesota Driver and Vehicle Services's own pages, current as of 2026-08-23. Plain-language help with a form, not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs.

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