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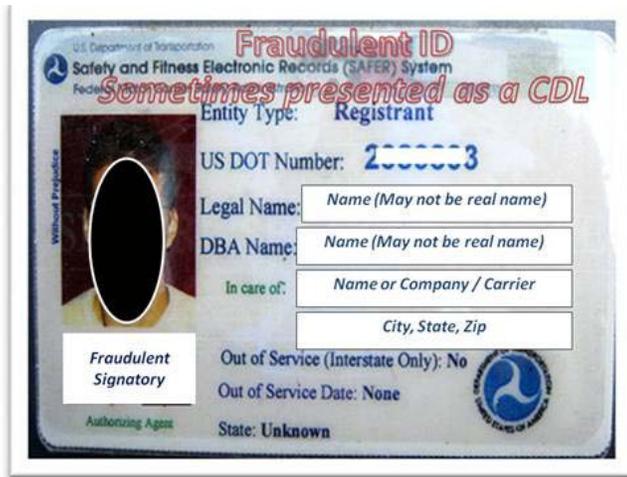
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

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Please be advised there have been several recent incidents between violators and law enforcement / motor carrier officials involving fraudulent Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)/Department of Transportation (DOT) "driver's licenses" and "license plates" similar to the ones pictured below:



Fraudulent Document presented and represented as a "Driver's License / DOT Identification Card".



Fraudulent US DOT "license plate"

In order to combat the misuse or abuse by some individuals or entities of the "Registrant" category on FMCSA's MCS-150 (Registration form for a USDOT number), the following actions have been taken:

The USDOT "Registrant" Category has been discontinued:

- FMCSA eliminated the "Registrant" category on September 15, 2012.
- On Saturday December 1, 2012 FMCSA switched all remaining USDOT numbers belonging to "Registrants" to **Inactive** USDOT numbers.

Please note:

- **The United States Department of Transportation DOES NOT issue Motor Vehicle License Plates or Drivers Licenses.**
- Presentation of a “USDOT / FMCSA” Driver’s license or “Registrant Identity Card” **is fraudulent.**
- DISPLAY of a “USDOT” License plate on a motor vehicle **is fraudulent.**
- **State laws** relevant to driver’s license requirements and/or vehicle registration are broken when:
 - A fraudulent driver’s license OR a *self-generated* “ID Card” is presented in lieu of a state issued driver’s license or presented as an official government issued form of ID.
 - A fraudulent License Plate is displayed in lieu of a valid state issued license plate.

A state or local official empowered to enforce state traffic laws may issue a summons or make an arrest if such action is consistent with his or her department’s policy, procedures, and state laws when a violation is observed.

Anti-government authority Individuals, often broadly referred to as “Sovereign Citizens”, frequently display fraudulent license plates and/or present fraudulent drivers licenses or identity cards to demonstrate ideological reluctance to submit to Government Regulations and/or to provoke officials.

Please be warned that some encounters have been violent and others have resulted in the death of violators and/or government officials.

Additional Information may be found at:

<http://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/publications/law-enforcement-bulletin/september-2011/sovereign-citizens>