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Sold Your Vehicle? Protect Yourself!

When selling your vehicle or vessel, it is important to protect yourself. There is no guarantee that the buyer of your vehicle or vessel will title it correctly in their name. Completing the transaction at a Lee County Tax Collector office ensures the title transfer is properly handled.

Scan the QR code below
for more information on title
transfers.



If the buyer and seller do not plan to complete the title transfer together, **the seller should file a notification of sale with the tax collector's office within 30 days.** This notification may be accomplished using separate HSMV Form 82050, Notice of Sale, or the removable Notice of Sale located at the top/backside of your Florida title. By filing a Notice of Sale, we are able to mark your Florida title record as SOLD. This may help prevent legal and civil liability issues for you, the seller. In addition to filing this form, we suggest you keep a record of the following:

- An original bill of sale (must be notarized or contain a perjury clause)
- A copy of the title completed for transfer
- Documentation showing that you have traded your vehicle to a dealership
- Any other documentation that you may have from the vehicle's sale

The vehicle's official ownership status will not change until the buyer(s) applies for title in their name(s); however, the seller's license plate, vessel registration, or mobile home decal number that is associated with the title record will be removed when the title record is marked SOLD.

In addition, if a vehicle is being sold and the valid registration is not being transferred to a replacement vehicle promptly, **the license plate must be surrendered to a tax collector's office prior to cancelling insurance.** Failure to do so could result in the suspension of your driver license and inability to renew registrations associated with your record.