

Fw: My Automobile..

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On Tuesday, January 2, 2024, 6:35 PM, Todd Rickun <toddrickmtg@aol.com> wrote:

To Whom This May Concern:

While en route to the Pharmacy to purchase a few COVID testing kits, my car axle began shaking uncontrollably, therefore I was forced to leave it in the parking lot of The American Renal Dialysis Center located at 4775 North Green Bay Road. I contacted the center the following morning and confirmed that my car was still in the lot. It was confirmed and therefore I inquired if I would be able to keep the car in the lot for at least 7-10 days as I was diagnosed with COVID, and just moved into a new apartment. I was told that leaving the car in the lot would be fine and not to worry about it.

Approximately 12-13 days later I was feeling better and was driven to the parking lot to meet AAA to retrieve my car and have it towed to a shop I had contacted a few days earlier.

I was confused and inquired at the main desk of The Dialysis Center what had become of my car. To my dismay, I was not given an answer...no one knew what had become of it. Upon pressuring the Office Staff I was finally helped by an extremely helpful gentleman who informed me that he'd contact the office manager and inquire on my behalf. Good news!!!! It was towed to the City of Milwaukee Tow Lot located on Lincoln Avenue.

I contacted the Tow Lot and it was confirmed that my car was there, along with a sizable ticket for the tow coupled with the illegal parking ticket. As I had lost a few weeks of pay coupled with the added expenses of moving I informed the clerk that I wouldn't be able to pick the car up for 2-3 weeks. It was confirmed that I could leave the car, but was informed that there was a \$20.00 per diem charge. I confirmed and stated that I'd be there as soon as possible to retrieve my car and pay the fines.

By the time I had enough funds to pay for the car I called to confirm my final bill (which was now in excess of \$700.00 I was informed that the car was sold at auction. Needless to say I was fairly upset and voiced my displeasure. It was then stated that I had been notified twice and I should have picked the car up earlier. I replied that I hadn't heard a word from anyone regarding the impending auction of my car. My car

is free of any encumbrances and no more than 60,000 miles logged on it. I HAD NO INTENTIONS WHATSOEVER TO GIVE MY CAR AWAY!

Upon further discussion with the attendant from the Tow Lot I was informed that two separate letters were mailed to my residence outlining the auction process. I emphatically stated that I was never informed of the intended auction. The attendant rechecked the mail log and stated that I was mailed twice informing me of further action. Upon further discussion, I asked to what address the letters were sent and was informed the letters went to 840 West Juneau....unfortunately, I had placed a change of address with USPS informing them of my new address located at 901 West Winnebago over a month earlier. Upon rechecking her records the attendant informed me that the letters were indeed mailed, but they were returned by the USPS stating that I had no longer lived on Juneau. I was further advised to appeal this process again as I was never informed of the impending auction.

I'm not a wealthy man. I've been in the mortgage business for over 20 years and I along with millions of other citizens have suffered greatly during this economic downturn coupled with the crazy high mortgage rates. I was divorced approximately 4 years ago and the Court was not too kind to me. Thankfully I began collecting my Social Security last year which helped augment the lack of business. In addition, I have no access to any cars.

Again, I had no intention of walking away from my car, and am respectfully requesting contact from your office as soon as possible.

Sincerely

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