

## Abandoned Vehicle Violations

### 524.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides procedures for the removal, recording and storage of vehicles abandoned in violation of abandoned vehicle laws, under the authority of ARS § 28-4834.

#### 524.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

**Abandoned Vehicle** - A vehicle, trailer or semitrailer that is subject to registration, whether lost, stolen, abandoned or otherwise unclaimed and that has been abandoned on a public highway, public property or elsewhere, including private property. Evidence that a vehicle was left unattended for a period of 48 hours within the right-of-way of any highway, road, street or other public thoroughfare or for a period of 72 hours on public or private property or elsewhere is prima facie evidence of abandonment (ARS § 28-4801).

### 524.2 MARKING VEHICLES

Vehicles on public roadways suspected of being abandoned in violation of Arizona abandoned vehicle laws shall be marked and noted on the Peoria Police Department Vehicle Impound Report or documented via the computer aided dispatch (CAD) system. No case number is required at this time.

#### 524.2.1 MARKED VEHICLE FILE

An Abandoned Vehicle Suspense file will be used for maintaining a file for all Vehicle Impound Reports pertaining to abandoned vehicles.

#### 524.2.2 VEHICLE STORAGE

Any vehicle in violation shall be stored by the authorized towing service and a Vehicle Impound Report shall be completed by the officer authorizing the storage of the vehicle as specified in the Vehicle Towing and Release Policy. Stored vehicles shall be entered into the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) Impound/Stored Vehicle File (ARS § 28-872(F)).