

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 47: Motor Vehicles

Chapter 79: Motor Vehicle Chop Shop, Stolen and Altered Property Act

§ 1502. Definitions

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As used in the Motor Vehicle Chop Shop, Stolen and Altered Property Act:

1. **"Chop shop"** means any building, lot or other premise where one or more persons are or have been knowingly engaged in altering, destroying, disassembling, dismantling, reassembling, or knowingly storing any motor vehicle, or motor vehicle part known to be illegally obtained by theft, fraud or conspiracy to defraud, in order to either:

a. Alter, counterfeit, deface, destroy, disguise, falsify, forge, obliterate, or remove the identity, including the vehicle identification number of such motor vehicle or motor vehicle part, in order to misrepresent the identity of such motor vehicle part, or to prevent the identification of such motor vehicle or motor vehicle part; or

b. Sell or dispose of such motor vehicle or motor vehicle part.

2. **"Motor vehicle"** means and includes every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, which is self-propelled or which may be connected to and towed by a self-propelled device, and also includes any and all other land-based devices which are self-propelled but which are not designed for use upon a highway, including but not limited to, farm machinery and construction equipment.

3. **"Person"** means and includes a natural person, company, corporation, unincorporated association, partnership, professional corporation, and any other legal entity.

4. **"Unidentifiable"** means that the uniqueness of a motor vehicle or motor vehicle part cannot be established by either expert law enforcement investigative personnel specially trained and experienced in motor vehicle theft investigative procedures and motor vehicle identification examination techniques, or by expert employees of not-for-profit motor vehicle theft prevention agencies specially trained and experienced in motor vehicle theft investigation procedures and motor vehicle identification examination techniques.

5. **"Vehicle identification number"** means a number or numbers, a letter or letters, a character or characters, a datum or data, a derivative or derivatives, or a combination or combinations thereof, used by the manufacturer or the Oklahoma Tax Commission for the purpose of uniquely identifying a motor vehicle or motor vehicle part. The term shall

include, but not be limited to, a number or numbers, a letter or letters, a character or characters, a datum or data, a derivative or derivatives, or a combination or combinations thereof.

Historical Data

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