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State Auditor Comments on DMV's Investigation of Invalid SSNs

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In March 2007, the OSA identified invalid Social Security Numbers within DMV and recommended that DMV investigate the incorrect numbers and the reason they are incorrect.

“DMV deserves a pat on the back for the work they’ve done in following-up on our March 2007 recommendation. When complete, I hope their investigation puts to bed the threat that someone is using licenses issued on invalid SSNs for identity theft or worse,” said State Auditor Leslie Merritt.

Based on DMV’s press release today “additional verification” is required on many licenses that have been issued on invalid SSNs. The OSA reaffirms its recommendation that all licenses based on invalid SSNs be investigated and resolved, in addition to the investigation of the large population of licenses that were issued prior to January 2002 when DMV did not require a SSN to obtain a license.

“So far as it goes, they’ve done a satisfactory job. But we’ll make sure to follow-up on licenses that still need verification and the much larger pool of licenses that weren’t based on SSNs but still need to be checked,” Merritt continued.