

Releasing a Restitution Lien on a Vehicle

When a defendant has paid the restitution in full, the **Restitution Lien** must be released. The victim has a statutory obligation to release the lien when it is paid in full. Failure to release a lien in a timely manner could result in civil repercussions, including lawsuits, court fines, damages, attorney's fees, etc.

A victim/lienholder may receive inquiries regarding the filed lien. It is the responsibility of the lienholder to confirm that the person for whom the inquiry is made is the actual defendant by verifying name and date of birth.

To **Remove** a Restitution Lien on a **Vehicle**:

- 1) Complete the **MVD Request for Release of Lien Letter** for an individual vehicle or for all vehicles in the defendant's name. A partial release permits the sale of a vehicle to go through and the proceeds are processed through the Clerk of the court for payment.
- 2) Make a copy for your records and file the original Release of Lien letter with MVD. To file the release, send each original of the **MVD Request for Release of Lien Letter** to:

**Arizona Department of Transportation/Motor Vehicle Division
Central Communications Unit Supervisor
PO Box 2100, Mail Drop 554-M
Phoenix, AZ 85007**