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TO: Clerks of Court

FROM: Dana Reiding, Chief 
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RE: Recent Changes to Driver Records

The department reports driver offenses and sanctions for commercial driver license holders through the national Commercial Driver License Information System (CDLIS). The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act requires the department to report all administrative driver license suspensions for CDL holders differently than we have in the past. Specifically, this Act requires that each suspension have a corresponding conviction. We recently implemented software changes to comply with this requirement. As a result, for every failure to pay/appear (D6) suspension submitted by the courts, the department will generate a corresponding conviction code on the driver record. This code is strictly for CDLIS reporting purposes. A sample driver entry is attached for your reference.

Additionally, as a result of recent law changes, most driver license and identification cards issued after January 26, 2009 will show the customer's residential address. Mailing addresses, including post office boxes, will no longer be printed on the driver license and identification cards. These changes are part of the state's preparation for the implementation of the Federal Real ID Act. The Real ID Act is a nationwide effort to improve the integrity and security of state-issued driver license and identification cards.

All driver transcripts will now show the customer's residential address. Please remember that the release of personal information, including name, driver license number, social security number, and address, from a driver license record is prohibited by the Driver Privacy Protection Act, unless the requestor meets one of 15 exemptions listed in section 119.0712(2), F.S.

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