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Felony Vehicle vs. Stolen Vehicle

As a reminder, a felony vehicle is a vehicle used in the commission of a felony, such as a get away car in a bank robbery. This entry will remain active for 90 days.

A stolen vehicle is a vehicle that is, of course, stolen from its owner and this entry remains active for the year of entry plus four additional years.

A vehicle taken in a carjacking is entered into LEADS/NCIC as a stolen vehicle. Even though a felony was committed in the taking of the vehicle, it is still entered into LEADS/NCIC as a stolen vehicle, with the appropriate caution indicator included. If that vehicle is then used to rob a liquor store, it would now qualify for entry into LEADS/NCIC as a felony vehicle, with the appropriate caution indicator included.

For more information about vehicle entries, their definitions, and entry message keys (MKE), see the Vehicles Chapter of the LEADS Manual.

If you have any other questions or issues, please contact the ISP Help Desk by either emailing your questions to ISP.HelpDesk@illinois.gov or by calling 866/LEADS-00. Please provide your agency ORI with the request.

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