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SOS Title Hits

A Title Hit is automatically generated by SOS when an individual applies for a certificate of title for a vehicle that is currently entered as stolen in LEADS. When the Title Hit is generated, the ORA of the record will be notified automatically via a Title Hit message. The Title Hit Record LEADS number begins with a "Q" (Q2101234), and is used to inquire, hold, or request an extension on a title hit. The Title Hit will include the LEADS number of entry by your agency. Agencies have 28 days to respond to SOS (14 days when the application is for Salvaged Title). If the ORA takes no action upon receipt of a title hit, the title will be released by SOS at the conclusion of the 28-day period. An agency may request up to two 14-day extensions. If the agency indicates to SOS the title should be held, SOS will not release the title until a title release is sent by the ORA to SOS.

When a Title Hit is received, your agency will have to review your stolen vehicle entry and determine its status. Once this is done, the Title Hit can be modified in several ways depending on the status of the record. The 14-day extensions mentioned above can be used to give your agency time to investigate the status of the record.

For further information about SOS Title Hits and instructions on how to proceed when a title hit is received, please refer to the [LEADS 3.0 Manual](#), Vehicle Registration Chapter, Section 6.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the ISP Help Desk ISP.HelpDesk@illinois.gov or at 866/LEADS-00 (866/532-3700).

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