**Prosecutor Handout**

Motor vehicle agencies (MVAs) are tasked with providing services and credentials that identify persons, privileges, and vehicles. MVAs have significant responsibilities to public and highway safety associated with these services and credentials and MVA employees possess a great deal of institutional knowledge in personal and vehicle identity management.

**MVA Services and Impacts**This image lists the services and credentials offered by MVAs, potential offenses pertaining to these services and credentials, and the impact offenses can have on victims and the broad community.Diagram

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**Civil, Criminal, and Administrative Action**MVA services and credentials may be the target of bad actors engaged in unlawful activity. In these cases, action may be needed in criminal, civil, or administrative courts or tribunals. The following are examples of investigations conducted for MVA related services and credentials. These are the types of cases or topics for which MVAs may be able to assist and support prosecutions.

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| Type of Action | Case Examples |
| Civil | * Injunctions * Cases seeking remedy for damages * Consumer claims against licensed vehicle dealers |
| Criminal | * Investigations for case preparation for violations of criminal code involving the application and issuance of MVA services and credentials * Investigations of third-party vendors and other entities conducting services on behalf of MVAs and regulated by them * Providing corroborating data, evidence, and information where there is a nexus of credentials issued and regulated by MVAs |
| Administrative | * Investigations of third-party vendors and other entities conducting services on behalf of MVAs and regulated by them * Assistance with cases pursued administratively to revoke, suspend, and/or cancel credentials issued or privileges granted |

**Resources for Prosecutors**As MVA services and credentials can be used for various criminal activity, MVAs can be a valuable resource for prosecutors by providing evidence and expert testimony as well as assisting with case presentation. MVAs may also provide relevant process information to collaborate in a variety of investigations. Jurisdiction laws, rules, and policies govern how MVAs may be able to provide information and resources. The following are examples.

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| Document Type | Examples of Assistance Offered |
| Personal identity documents | * Applications and documents supporting issuance of credential * Identify known associates * Application history for individuals under investigation or victims of fraud * Known addresses of current or former vehicle owners * Contact information such as email and phone numbers * Biometric data history such as photos and fingerprints * Jurisdiction, provincial, and federal statutes; rules and regulations |
| Vehicle identity documents | * Title history * Registration history * Known addresses of current or former vehicle owners * Purchase price and tax paid * Lien and title information * Supporting title documents and applications for title * Jurisdiction, provincial, and federal statutes; rules and regulations |

Federal statutes have established certain penalties for some MVA related fraud cases and for most situations, jurisdictions have adopted specific laws for MVA fraud violations. Provided below is a list of some applicable jurisdiction and federal statutes, MVAs may be able to assist prosecutors with identifying other relevant specific statutes and rules.

[insert relevant statutes]