

# Law upgrades odometer tampering to felony

A new consumer protection law designed to further reduce odometer fraud took effect April 1, and Secretary of State Richard H. Austin is urging the buyers and sellers of used vehicles to become familiar with its provisions.

Under Public Act 470, odometer

tampering is upgraded from a misdemeanor to a felony. This change increases the likelihood that prosecutors will be willing to bring charges against individuals accused of odometer tampering.

"Over the past several years, we have enjoyed tremendous success in

detecting and acting against odometer tampering and misrepresentation," said Austin. "This new law provides another enforcement tool which will allow the Department of State's Bureau of Automotive Regulation, the Attorney General, county prosecutors and other authorities do

a better job of eliminating odometer fraud."

In addition to making odometer fraud a felony, the new law requires persons selling a used vehicle to a dealer or another individual to write in the vehicle's mileage, as shown on the odometer, when completing the

mileage statement on the back of the vehicle's title. Failure by the seller to fill in the mileage statement on the title could make them subject to a misdemeanor charge.

Finally, as of April 1, automobile dealers must show the purchaser a used vehicle's title and any title reassignment documents belonging to the vehicle, marking the first time that buyers will have easy access to a vehicle's title history before they purchase it. Currently, dealers are only required to give mileage disclosure statements on separate forms.

Department of State officials are emphasizing that Secretary of State branch office personnel will not accept applications for new titles if the existing title does not include the seller's mileage reading. Also, beginning April 1 the Secretary of State

will print the mileage reading on the front of all new titles issued for cars over 10 years old.

Individuals are encouraged to use the new disclosure requirements when selecting a used vehicle. Consumers should note the prior ownership, particularly if the vehicle was formerly owned by a rental or lease company, and not whether there is evidence of erasures or alterations of information on the title.

Finally, if the title is issued in the name of the selling dealer, consumers should ask why it was necessary to convert the previous title into the dealership's name.

Dealers and vehicle owners with questions regarding the new law are encouraged to contact the Department of State's Bureau of Automotive Regulation at 357-5108.

## Western salutes student achievers

Walled Lake Western High is celebrating Student Recognition Week March 13-17, saluting 78 students selected by teachers, administrators, students and custodians for their positive contribution to the school and/or community.

The criteria for selection included one or more of the following: cooperativeness, consistent good performance, improvement in attitude and achievement, service to the school, and unique contribution in class/club.

During a breakfast second tour on Tuesday these students were award-

ed certificates commemorating their selection along with a gold No. 1 pin to wear.

Dr. Carl Pacacha, assistant superintendent for secondary instruction, Dennis Champolla, principal, and Sue Gallagher, student activities director, spoke briefly.

Champolla announced that a cable TV program featuring all 78 students will air on WLTW, Channel 10, on the Greater Media Cable Service.

The following is a list of those students honored: Chris Apap, Mark

Athey, Aaron Hall, John Belanger, Steve Boar, Steve Bower, Lori Bush, Laura Coll, Marcy Cohen, Deanna Collins, Karin Copenhaver, Julie Craig, Michelle Crawford, Teddy Crawford, Eric Crigger, Eric Daviskiba, Kristen Dernberger, Dawn Dreasky, Clyde Durham, Gordon Erekman, Greg Eskola, Marie Evans, Bernadette Farmer, Nancy Figurski, Angie Frenak, Michelle Friedman, Tammy Gibson, Angela Gillert, Ronnen Golombek, Aaron Gregory, Renee Grove, Joe Gysdall, Lora Hazellin, Mark Henson, Lisa Hoover, Marlena Howe, Jennifer Isaacson and Josie Jerore.

Also honored were: David Karro, Gloria Karro, Kristy Kay, Trisha Kopke, Keiko Kubota, Beth Kummer, Michael LaFave, Sandra MacDermid, Lisa Mazon, Shawn Maher, Beth Martin, Jeff Park, Kristie Pauli, Dawn Petrovick, Cory Pierce, John Popka, Kenny Pross, Rhonda Reed, Susan Rosa, Dale Sandeen, Dawn Saputo, Jenna Sawyer, Eric Schultz, Jeremy Sengraves, Mike Slaughter, Amy Smith, Jennifer Starman, Nolecca Stepp, Bob Stevenson, Bill Stover, Wendy Sulton, Kim Thompson, Hiroko Wada, Tammy Walino, Eric Webb, Matt Whitte and Shaun Yost.

## UM-D cites distinguished teaching

A University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty member from Farmington Hills received a Distinguished Teaching Award at the annual honors convocation, March 30.

Awards highlight superior teaching by UM-D faculty. George Kurajan, professor of mechanical engineering, is winner in the tenured category.

The Farmington Hills resident is in the 41st year of his teaching career. He joined the UM-D faculty in 1964. He holds a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the

University of Detroit and a master of science in mechanical engineering from the UM.

At UM-Dearborn, Kurajan served as chairman of the mechanical engineering department for 13 years, returning to full-time teaching last July. He previously taught at the University of Detroit.

Kurajan is a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, where he was recently elected vice president of the systems and design group. He is a registered profes-

sional engineer in the State of Michigan.

Colleagues who supported Kurajan for the nomination cited student evaluations as evidence of his effectiveness in the classroom. Regarding Kurajan a student wrote, "He is the

type of professor all professors should be modeled after. He instructed the class in a manner which made the students want to learn the material." Former students remember Kurajan as a mentor and a driving force in their success.

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