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### Unauthorized license plates on the rise; violators may face revocation and charges

Utah vehicle owners who use unauthorized license plates face revocation of their vehicle registration, impoundment, and possible criminal charges.

“Police officers in our Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division have received a rash of complaints in recent weeks of vehicle owners using unauthorized license plates on their personal vehicles,” said spokesperson Charlie Roberts.

Whether the plates are of a different color, a facsimile, or a novelty plate purchased online, it is a class C misdemeanor, Roberts said.

Vehicles are required to display authorized license plates and proper decals issued for those plates from the Division of Motor Vehicles to travel legally on public roads.

It is also a third degree felony to forge or counterfeit a license plate or use a license plate knowing it has been altered, forged, or falsified.

Those who may have an unauthorized license plate are strongly encouraged to replace them immediately with proper DMV issued plates and decals.

“If replacement plates are needed, those people should visit one of our DMV offices,” Roberts said.

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