



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2019-214A

John W. Maile, Executive Director
Oklahoma Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission
421 NW 13th St., Ste. 330
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

June 1, 2019

Dear Executive Director Maile:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the Oklahoma Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission intends to take regarding used motor vehicle dealer applicant, M.L. The applicant was previously licensed as a wholesaler, but is now applying for a sales license. In 2015, the applicant was convicted of 10 counts of sex crimes involving minors. These crimes occurred before M.L. received the wholesaler license, but when applying for that license M.L. was not truthful with the Commission regarding the details of the crimes. The Commission has since become aware of the true nature of the crimes. The Commission proposes to deny the application for a sales license.

Oklahoma law authorizes the Commission to regulate the sale of used motor vehicles and license used motor vehicle dealers. 47 O.S.Supp.2018, § 582(E). Specifically, the Commission "may deny an application for a license" if an applicant "has been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude." *Id.* § 584(A)(6)(c). The Commission may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to ensure that only properly qualified applicants are licensed to act as used motor vehicle dealers.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Oklahoma Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State's policy of protecting the public by requiring that used motor vehicle dealers meet minimum licensing requirements.

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MIKE HUNTER
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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