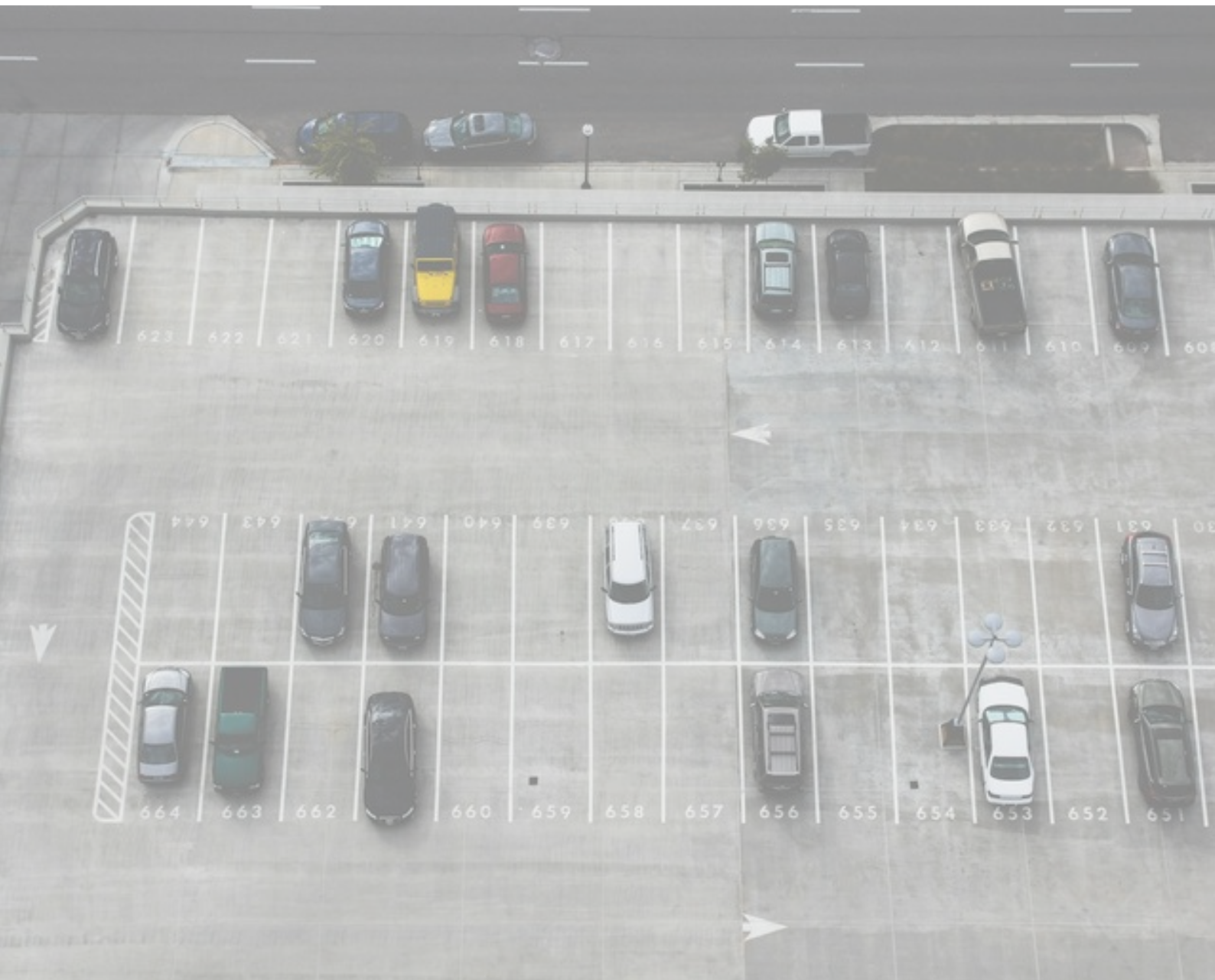


Case Study

**Michael - Abandoned Vehicle on Property
Default Judgment for Court-Ordered Title in Illinois**



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Michael's Title Situation

Michael purchased an apartment building in Illinois. When he purchased the building, there was a vehicle left in one of the parking spots.

After the car had been sitting in the parking lot for more than a year, Michael decided to try to get a title for the vehicle.

A friend recommended a lawyer, but the cost would have been in excess of \$2,000. Michael soon found CarTitles.com and placed an order for the Court-Ordered Title Process.

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Michael's Court-Ordered Title Process

Every title process is different, and Michael's was no exception. The first step was to look up the vehicle's owner with the state. Using the forms provided, Michael was able to find the lien holder information, but not the owner.

The state did not have the owner's information on record, only the lien holder's. Michael sent a certified letter to the lien holder and called. He was informed that the lien holder was waiting for the owner to file for bankruptcy.

After contacting the lien holder, Michael submitted his petition to the court. The court requested that he notify the lien holder again.

“Now that I know I can get a title for abandoned vehicles, I am going to use CarTitles for any vehicle left on my properties.”



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Receiving a Judgment and Obtaining a Title

After 30 days, the lien holder failed to respond to the notification. As a result, the judge issued a default order and gave the lien holder a final 30 days to respond.

After the second waiting period, the lien holder still never responded, and the judge issued a judgment in Michael's favor. Michael took the judgment to the Illinois Secretary of State with the new title paperwork, and the title was mailed to him a few days later.



Key Takeaways:



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When the other party does not respond after proper notice, the judge has a clear path to issue a judgment in favor of the new title holder.



Default Judgments Are Common

While not every Court-Ordered Title results in a default judgment, they are common because it is often inconvenient for the other party to respond.





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