

car talk

by Tom and Ray Magliozzi

HOLE IN TIRE EXPOSES HOLES IN DEALER'S STORY

Dear Tom and Ray:

My friend has a fancy-schmancy 2007 BMW 3 Series. Recently, one of his tires blew out through the sidewall and left a gaping, scary-looking hole. That tire and the other three all have plenty of tread, so the blow-out seems troubling to me. He took it to the dealer, who told him: 1) all of his tires need to be replaced ASAP, because the same thing probably will happen to them soon; 2) he shouldn't have Goodyear tires of any kind because they're no good for this particular car; and 3) the only tires he ever should put on it are the model and brand they have at the dealership, which cost about \$160 each, plus installation. He doesn't do any racing or any crazy driving — he just drives normally. I'm convinced they're trying to pressure him into buying four of the most expensive tires possible. What do you think?

— Ernie

RAY: I don't think they're trying to pressure him into buying the most expensive tires possible, Ernie. They're just trying to get him to buy the most expensive tires they have in stock.

TOM: I'd have to disagree with the dealer on all counts here. First of all, Goodyear makes some excellent tires. The only thing that's wrong with Goodyear tires in this case is that this dealer doesn't happen to sell them.

RAY: We don't know why your friend's sidewall blew out. It could have been a defect in the tire. Or he could have banged the tire against a curb and created a weak spot or a bubble that eventually blew.

TOM: We can't see the tires. So, to be fair to the BMW dealer, it's also possible that all four tires are in worse shape than you think they are. Or they could have the wrong load or speed rating for your friend's car.

RAY: But I would suggest going back to the Goodyear dealer where he bought the tires. First of all, he can get a second opinion on the condition of the other three tires. And if the one that blew out failed due to a defect, they might replace the tire for free under warranty.

TOM: Or, if the tires are older but still good, they may be able to sell your friend a used one that's a close-enough match in tread life to its axle-mate that he'd have to buy only one tire.

RAY: I'm sure the tires that the dealer is recommending would work very well on the car, but they're hardly the only ones that will work well. And as long as the tires meet the specifications set by the manufacturer (check the owner's manual), your friend can buy any brand of replacement tires he likes, Ernie.

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Wait! Don't buy another car without the mechanic's checklist that's included in Tom and Ray's pamphlet "How to Buy a Great Used Car: Secrets Only Your Mechanic Knows." It will help you get a good used car and avoid the clunkers. Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Used Car, PO Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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2963 MANOR ROAD
AUSTIN, TX 78722

(512)670-7578

Year: 1998

Make: Dodge

Model: Neon

Color: Green

L.P.# 515 RYQ Washington

Vin# 1B3E542C8WD549026

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES - I & S TOWING - 1997 FORD F-150 PK VIN # 1FTDX0764VK12674 AUTHORIZED BY TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE IMP DATE: 07/27/2009 STORAGE CHARGES GOOD THROUGH - 08/04/2009 \$393.05 20.00 PER DAY + TAX LOCATED @ 11740-B MANCHACA RD AUSTIN TX 78745 RELEASE 24 HRS A DAY WITH 1 HOUR NOTICE TO REGISTERED OWNER. VSF# 0628258

1992 OLDSMOBILE SILVERADO 4DR NEW MEXICO VIN# QGHDU062ANT313169 BY AUTHORITY OF TRAVIS CO SHERIFFS OFFICE PICK UP 08/23/2009 CHARGES AS OF 08/24/09 \$ 242.90 PER DAY STORAGE 20.00 + TAX VSF# 0628258 LOT ADDRESS 11740-B MANCHACA RD AUSTIN TX 78748

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September 9, 2009 beginning at 10:00 A.M. at the U-STORE-IT located at 10025 Manchaca Road Austin, Texas. This sale will continue to each designated address location listed below after the completion of the beginning sale. This sale is being held to satisfy a Landlord's Lien. Everything sold is purchased "as is" "where is" for cash. U-STORE-IT reserves the right to set a minimum bid, refuse any bid, or to cancel any Public Sale that is advertised. Announcements made the day of the sale take precedence over any printed materials related to the sale.

U-Store-It #753

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Austin, Tx. 78748

512-292-1760

Kristoffer Thornal - Bags, headboard, Boxes, Dresser, Ice Chest, Microwave Oven, Computer, Totes.

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610 E. Stasney Lane

Austin, TX 78745

512-441-8300

David Baca - Bed, Boxes, Chairs, Ice Chest, Lamp, Shelf, Toys, Easel, Toaster, Microwave, Gun, Totes.

Erik Orr - Pet Kennel, Sink, Plastic Bins, Painting, Wood.

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Lydia Rodriguez - Bed, Bicycles, Boxes, Dresser, Tables, Toys, Wagon, Totes, Garden Tools, Bench, Bar Stools, Table Saws, Golf Clubs, Pet Cages, Wheel Barrow.

Mary Gloria Reyes - Bed, Boxes, Chairs, Sofa, Table, Weight Bench, Totes, Magazine Rack, Briefcase.

Gabino Villaneuva Jr - Baby Crib, Headboard, Boxes, Dresser, Shelf, Sofa, Suitcase, Tables, Toys, Printer/Scanner, Totes.

U-Store-It #748

12006 RR 620 N

Austin, TX 78745

512-336-5333

Chris Dunn - Mattress, Boxes, Tables, Tool Box, TV, Duffel Bag, Fitness Equipment, Tote.

Richard (Dale) Guthrie, Richard Guthrie - Bed Frame, Bicycles, Boxes, Dressers, Dryer, Ladders, Rug, Washing Machine, Plant.

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Anna Comly - Boxes, Fan, Fishing Poles, Ice Chest, Pictures, Table, Tire, Tool Box, Siif Flower, Tote, Compressor, Scooters.

Chris Dunn - Mattress, Boxes, Tables, Tool Box, TV, Duffel Bag, Fitness Equipment, Tote.

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AUCTIONEER: KENNETH HIERHOLZER 6568

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PS Orangeco, Inc. hereby gives notice that the property generally described below is being sold to satisfy a Landlord's Lien pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, at the time and place indicated below, and on the following terms: All property generally described below will be sold at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, or credit cards, **NO CHECKS**, with payment to be made at the time of the sale. Seller reserves the right to refuse any bid and to withdraw any item or items from the sale. The property will be sold on the 9th of September 2009 on or about the time indicated at each self-storage facility identified: **NO CHILDREN PLEASE.**

Wednesday, September 9th 2009.

9:00 a.m. Public Storage @ 9814 Westgate Blvd, Austin, TX 78748

0006 JOSEPH AVALON, BOXES, FURNITURE, BEDDING

0053 JOSEPH AVALON, BOXES, FURNITURE, BEDDING

0276 AMANDA STEWART, TV, BED, DRESSER

0287 SHONA MCGARY, BOXES, TOTES, COUCH

0313 LAURA QUINTANA, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

0338 MICHAEL VOCKE, CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES

0386 REBEKAH AYDELOTTE, BOXES, CRIB, SHELVING

0424 HAROLD PERRY, BOXES

0522 THALYA BALLARD, BOXES, TOTES, ELECTRONICS

0614 JOSEPH NEAL, BAGS, BOXES, FURNITURE

9:30a.m. Public Storage @ 7200 S 1st Street., Austin, TX 78745

A005 DORA PERALEZ-RECIO, BOXES, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS

C077 SYLVIA HERRERA, BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE

I002 MELODY JONES, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

K288 ERIC REYNA, BOXES, BEDDING, FURNITURE

L359 PATRICIA BELASCO, BOXES, FURNITURE, BEDDING

N412 SEAN MATHIS, FURNITURE

O447 JESSE SEDILLO, BOXES, BAGS, TOTES

O469 DENISE CANALES, BEDDING, BOXES, FURNITURE

R551 MATT WHETSTONE, BEDDING, BOXES, FURNITURE

S575 CHRIS MAGONIGAL, BOXES, TOTES

T596 ALFREDO GARCIA, TOTES, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS

W807 LISA MCLAUGHLIN, BOXES, FURNITURE

W842 CHRISTIN ATKINSON, BOXES, FURNITURE, COMPUTER

10:00 a.m. Public Storage @ 7112 S Congress, Austin, TX 78745

B1 SARAH MIHELICH, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

C20 ANGELA DEANGELO, BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE

E7 APOLINAR GAMEZ, BOXES, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS

E10 FRANCIS DAVILA, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

E11 RICKY ZAMORA, BOXES, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS

F4 ROBERT RENTERIA, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

F30 CARLOS RIVAS, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS

J23 KASEY SALARI, BOXES

J58 JACKIE AUGUSTIN, BOXES, FURNITURE, BEDDING

K5 MARC SANTIAGO, BOXES, TOTES, COMPUTERS

K77 CHRISTOPHER BOOTS, BOXES, FURNITURE

L13 MARIA MARTINEZ, BOXES, FURNITURE, BEDDING

L24 ANGIE BARRIENTOS, BOXES, TOTES, BOOKS

L40 HERBERT ALLEN, BOXES, FURNITURE, REFRIGERATOR

L55 LINDA CHANDLER, BOXES, STOVE, TABLE

M60 JOHNNY ANGEL RODRIGUEZ, FURNITURE, WASHER, DRYER

M75 JOHNNY ANGEL RODRIGUEZ, BOXES, TOTES, JACUZZI TUB

10:30 a.m. Public Storage @ 4202 Santiago, Austin, TX 78745

134 MICHAELA VILLE-NEUVE, BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE

332 SYLVIA SHOWERS, BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE

554 ANDREA MACIAS, BOXES, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS

624 MISTI SPEARS, TOTES, FURNITURE

636 DANIEL STORM, BOXES, FURNITURE

672 BIANCA YBARRA, BOXES, BAGS, FURNITURE

712 DON RHOADES, BOXES, FURNITURE, TOYS

761 KATHY MAGEE, BOXES, FURNITURE, BEDDING

11:00 a.m. Public Storage @ 2301 E Ben White, Austin, TX 78741

1046 CHRISTOPHER HARRIS, BEDDING, BOXES, TOTES

1109 TRACEY J WARG, BOXES, BAGS, FURNITURE

2036 DOMETRA GILBERT, BOXES, FURNITURE, BEDDING

2102 KENNETH R. PIPKINS, BOXES, FURNITURE

2107 ERNEST LEMONT, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

2138 APRIL KING, BOXES, BAGS, FURNITURE

2202 MICHELLE FISCHER, BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE

3039 GENE COMEAUX, BOXES, FURNITURE

3082 JUANITA RODRIGUEZ, BOXES, BAGS, FURNITURE

3094 BRANDON FARRELL, BOXES, TOTES

3098 DEREK DAVENPORT, BOXES, BAGS

3153 PATRICIA MENDOZA, BOXES, BAGS, TOTES

3190 DONTA TUCKER, BOXES, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS

3213 AMY FISHER, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

11:15 a.m. Public Storage @ 5016 E Ben White, Austin, TX 78741

C018 JOSE CASTILLO, FURNITURE, BEDDING

C021 MARY STEVENS, BOXES, ELECTRONICS

C025 FERNANDO RAMIREZ, BOXES, BEDDING, BIKE

C054 MELISSA WHITWORTH, TOTES, GUITAR

C142 WILLIAM ABBOTT, BOXES

C159 ANGELICA MANZANO, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

C169 YVETTE WELCH, WASHER, DRYER

C171 DAHIANA ARIAS, BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE

C298 ANJLIA DAVIS, TOTES, FURNITURE, BEDDING

C299 ALLISON MCFARLAND, BEDDING, TOTES, PROPANE TANK

D009 GERALD GERHARDT, TOYOTA SCION

E004 BENITO GOMEZ, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS, WASHER/DRYER

E006 GILBERT DURAN, BOXES, ELECTRONICS, WASHER/DRYER

11:30 a.m. Public Storage @

2121 S IH 35, Austin, TX 78741

1100 JENNIFER ANDRADA, BOXES, FURNITURE

2054 DEBBIE FROST RYERSON, BOXES, TOTES

2046 BRANDON KING, BOXES, FURNITURE, BEDDING

3034 LAMONT SHOWERS, BOXES, FURNITURE, COMPUTERS

3095 JOSHUA DE LA CRUZ, BOXES, FURNITURE, BEDDING

3121 AIR QUALITY SOLUTIONS, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

3132 CHRISTOPHER MICHAELS, BOXES, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS

3185 EUGENE BUTLER, BOXES, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS

4080 TALIA BOCANEGRA, BOXES, FURNITURE, BEDDING

4012 FRED GALVAN, BOXES, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS

11:45 a.m. Public Storage @ 5220 US HWY 290W, Austin, TX 78753

4114 JOSETT HARROS, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

4288 ASHLEY LUCE, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

12:00 p.m. Public Storage @ 1213 W 6th Street, Austin, TX 78703

2064 EBONI YANEZ, BOXES, SOFA

12:15 p.m. Public Storage @ 3911 Ranch Road FM 620 S Bee Cave, TX 78738

1100 JENETTE WILLIAMS, BOXES, FURNITURE

1112 OMS GLOBAL, BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE

1116 CAROL MILTENBERGER, TOTES

2007 JENETTE WILLIAMS, BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE

2102 JENETTE WILLIAMS, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

2201 JENETTE WILLIAMS, BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE

2203 JENETTE WILLIAMS, BOXES, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Delinquent Tenants

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Thursday September 10, 2009

9:00 a.m. Public Storage @ 1033 E 41st Street, Austin, TX 78751

1049 BATINA HILL ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

1085 RON FOSTER, BOXES, BEDDING, FURNITURE

3164 KEVIN SCHNEIDER, BAGS, TOTES, COMPUTER

4067 DOLORES H. HUNTER, BOXES, SUITCASES, CLOTHING

4070 SHAWANNA HOLMES, BOXES, BAGS, FURNITURE

4101 MARIE DELAGARZA, BOXES, FURNITURE, BEDDING

4116 JEANETTE WHITE, BAGS, TOTES, FURNITURE

4174 LILA HECIMOVICH, BAGS, SUITCASES

5046 DOMONICA IVORY, BOXES, FURNITURE

5090 NANCY A. LYNCH, BOXES, SHELVEING, PAINTING

5135 WALTER GIBSON, BOXES, TOTES, COMPUTERS

5165 SYLVESTER STEWART, BOXES, ELECTRONICS

9:30am Public Storage @ 10001 Nth IH-35, Austin, TX 78753

1025 MARIA ARCE, BOXES, BAGS, FURNITURE

3030 ANTHONY BERNARD, BOXES, BAGS, TOTES

3036 JAMES GREUEL, BOXES, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS

3054 VICKIE ANDREWS, BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE

5068 STACY GANT, BOXES, ELECTRONICS, TOYS

5079 GLORIA MCKAY, BOXES, BAGS, FURNITURE

6020 IRENE CASTANEDA, BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE

8007 JASON VILLARREAL, BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE

8036 LARRY DAVENPORT, BOXES, BAGS, TOTES

10:00am Public Storage @ 10100 Nth IH-35, Austin, TX 78753

A031 ALEXIS DAVIS, BOXES, BAGS, ELECTRONICS

C072 DEVERA TAYLOR, BOXES, BAGS, TOTES

C080 DRIELLE MCCLINTON, BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE

D080 NORVALT CALERO, BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE

D121 RHEANA HURST FLORES, FURNITURE

E005 NIKKI NONYEA DUFFIN, BOXES, FURNITURE, BEDDING

E064 TERESA M RAMIREZ, BOXES, BEDDING, FURNITURE

10:30am Public Storage @ 937 Reini, Austin, TX, 78751

195 MELANIE TASDY, BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE

400 AMELIA GARCIA, CLOTHING

423 JOHN GIBSON, BOXES, FURNITURE

402 ZVA HAZLEY, BAGS, ELECTRONICS, TOYS

469 JARED GREER, BOXES, TOTES, ELECTRONICS

546 MICHELLE ROMO, BOXES, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS

618 VINCENT HERNANDEZ III, BOXES, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS

746 AKAI HERNANDEZ, BOXES, BAGS, FURNITURE

750 JACK HARRISON, BOXES, FURNITURE

804 TOMMY RECIO, BOXES, TOTES

904 SH