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**Office of the State Auditor Announces  
its Information Systems Audit of  
The Department of Public Safety, Driver License Division**

**Salt Lake City, UTAH –**

The Office of the State Auditor (Office) today announced its Information Systems Audit of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Driver License Division (DLD).

The audit is divided into two reports. The first report concerning Data Sharing Practices for DLD is being released publicly today. That report includes two key findings:

- The Driver License Division discloses driver license information not authorized in statute
- The Driver License Division does not audit recipients of driver license information as permitted or required by established Memorandum's of Understanding

State Auditor John Dougall said, "From our perspective, the Driver License Division could take steps to better protect personally identifiable information. In an era when the security and privacy of personal information is already at significant risk, State agencies must be careful to limit sharing of information and must review compliance with the restrictions placed on the use and storage of sensitive information."

The report may be found on the Office's website at [auditor.utah.gov](http://auditor.utah.gov) and specifically at: <https://reporting.auditor.utah.gov/servlet/servlet.FileDownload?file=0151K00000317REQAY> .

The second report contains the results of the Information Systems Audit of the Driver License Database. Due to security restrictions, the Office anticipates a public release of the second report in approximately six months, allowing the agency time to correct any issues identified in that report. A detailed report of those findings and recommendations has been provided to DLD management.

**About the Office of the State Auditor**

The Office of the State Auditor provides Utah taxpayers and government officials with an independent assessment of financial operation, statutory compliance, and performance management for state and local government.

Specific activities of the Office include performing financial audits, conducting Federal funds compliance audits, providing local government oversight, conducting agency and program performance audits, performing fraud and compliance audits, and operating the State Auditor Hotline for citizens to report suspected financial issues or improprieties. These capabilities strengthen Utah State Government and help taxpayers have confidence in the integrity of Utah's government agencies.

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