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El Paso County Commissioners Court
500 E. San Antonio, Ste. 301
El Paso, TX 79901
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RE: Request for Authorization – Unmarked Vehicle

To The Honorable Members of the El Paso County Commissioners Court:

It is anticipated that the Court will approve the transfer of a 2003 Buick Century, County Inventory # 118986, to my office on December 19, 2011. Should that occur, I respectfully request that the court allow my office to operate this vehicle in an unmarked state. The reasons in support are as follows:

1. Buick Century vehicles are not traditional police vehicles, and could be interpreted by the public as a police impersonator if it were to be marked;
2. The vehicle will be assigned to the elected Constable, who often is involved in purely administrative or supervisory tasks that do not require, and in fact often conflict with, operating a marked police vehicle. For example, if the Constable must attend to an official matter that necessitates business professional attire (suit and tie), yet he remains on-call, it is inappropriate for the Constable to operate a marked police vehicle in such attire;
3. The vehicle will not be involved in the routine enforcement of minor traffic violations.

Thus, I respectfully request that the Court consider authorizing the Precinct 2 Constable's Office to operate the vehicle without the inscriptions required by Section 721.004 of the Texas Transportation Code. A proposed order is attached as an additional page, and has already been reviewed by Ms. Lee Shapleigh of the County Attorney's office, with her recommended changes incorporated.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience should any questions or concerns arise.

Respectfully,

Rick Gammon



**ORDER EXEMPTING COUNTY CONSTABLE
VEHICLE FROM REQUIRED INSCRIPTIONS**

Pursuant to Section 721.005(b)(1)(c) of the Texas Transportation Code, the Precinct 2 Constable's Office, County of El Paso, Texas, is hereby authorized to operate a 2003 Buick Century, VIN 2G4WS52J431112313, County Inventory Number 118986, without the inscriptions required under Section 721.004 of the Texas Transportation Code.

Adopted this 19th day of December, 2011 by the Commissioners Court for the County of El Paso, Texas.

Delia Briones
County Clerk

Veronica Escobar
County Judge