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## Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles Selects Fifth Winner of "What's on Your Plate?" Contest

**COLUMBUS** –The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) has selected its fifth "What's on Your Plate?" winner! As this quarter's winner, Richard Gainey will be featured on the BMV's Web site, Facebook and Twitter pages. He will also receive a decorative license plate with the personalization of his choice.



"Santa," Richard Gainey, was selected for his personalized plate ST NIK. Gainey, a resident of Ohio for past 26 years, is a Professor of Multimedia Journalism at Ohio Northern University in Ada. He is the past President of the Buckeye Santas, a group of more than 100 "real bearded Santas" in Ohio that meet for "lunch and learning" 10 months out of the year. Richard lives in Ada and makes numerous visits over the Christmas holidays.

The runner-up is Terry Fitzpatrick. His historical license

plate is ZEBRA 3 and has been registered on a 1976 Ford "Starsky & Hutch" Gran Torino since 2000.



Zebra-3 was the radio code name given to Detectives David Starsky and Ken Hutchinson on the 1970s television series and 2004 movie, "Starsky & Hutch". Fans of both the show and movie applied the code name, Zebra-3 as a nickname for the bright red and white striped Ford Gran Torino that Starsky owned. The general public picked up on the car's nickname and it has been known ever since as, Zebra-3.

Several celebrities from the TV series and 2004 movie have autographed his Gran Torino, including the original Huggy Bear, Antonio Fargas.

The BMV still wants to hear from you! If you have a unique personalized license plate, send a photo of you with your personalized license plate and a brief summary of how you chose your plate's message. Email the photo and summary to [Communications@dps.state.oh.us](mailto:Communications@dps.state.oh.us) and you could be featured on BMV's Facebook page and BMV's official website. You could also win a decorative plate award with the personalization of your choice! Plates must be current and valid. Winners will be selected quarterly.

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