

Gas Drive-Off Program

Minnesota State Statute 604.15 provides a civil process for service stations and convenience stores to recover losses and fees associated with gas drive-offs prior to involving law enforcement. For businesses wishing to continue with their policy of “pump before you pay,” the Minnesota Service Station & Convenience Store Association (MSSA) has adopted a procedure to help recover the costs associated with these gas drive-offs.

Effective September 1st, 2026, City of Montevideo businesses wishing to submit a gas drive-off for criminal investigation by the police department must first complete the notice of nonpayment process laid on in MN Statute 604.15 or in the MSSA Gas Drive-Off Program. If there has been no resolution during the 30-day notice period, the business may then request a criminal investigation. The following criteria must be submitted to our office prior to an investigation being initiated.

- The retailer must provide an accurate description of the vehicle, license plate number, and description of the suspect.
- The retailer must provide video/digital imaging which captures the suspect vehicle license plate number as well as the suspect dispensing the fuel.
- The retailer must complete this form: Montevideo Police Department Motor Vehicle Fuel Theft Report.
- The retailer must provide a copy of the Notice and Demand of Payment for Motor Fuel along with the certified mail receipt showing the 30-day waiting period has passed.
- The retailer must provide a copy of a signed statement by the employee who reported the act, describing what the employee observed.
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This information should be sent to mailbox@montevideopolice.com, or mailed to:

Montevideo Police Department

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103 Canton Avenue

Montevideo, MN 56265

Please contact the Montevideo Police Department with any questions regarding current gas drive-off policy.