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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  
June 6, 2019**

### **Bankruptcy Judge Orders Tates Auto to return vehicles to customers.**

**St. Michaels, Navajo Nation (ARIZ)** – On June 6, 2019, Tates bankruptcy Judge ordered in writing Tates Auto to return vehicles locked inside Tates Auto repair shops located at Gallup, Show Low and Holbrook to customers. “The Debtors shall make arrangements for customers to pick up and remove their cars which are in the Debtors’ lots, services areas and body shops,” the judge also ordered ‘Debtors may waive the garage lien’s and accounts if need to facilitate the pickup and removal.’”

Navajo customers who have their vehicles at Tates auto shops in Gallup, Show Low and Holbrooke are encouraged to immediately contact the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission to schedule date and time to pick up their vehicle. For more information, call the Commission office at 928-871-7436.

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*See attached Judge’s Order*

Dated: June 6, 2019



*Brenda Moody*  
Brenda Moody Whinery, Chief Bankruptcy Judge

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

In re

- TATE'S AUTO CENTER OF GALLUP, INC.,
- TATE'S AUTOMOTIVE, INC.,
- TATE'S AUTO CENTER OF WINSLOW, INC.,
- TATE FORD-LINCOLN-MERCURY, INC.,

Debtors.

Chapter: 11

Case No. 2:19-BK-2493-BMW

Case No(s). 2:19-bk-02523-BMW  
2:19-bk-02524-BMW  
2:19-bk-02527-BMW

(Jointly Administered)

This Filing Applies to:

- All Debtors
- Specified Debtors

**ORDER**

Tate's Auto Center of Gallup, Inc., Tate's Automotive, Inc., Tate's Auto Center of Winslow, Inc., and Tate Ford-Lincoln-Mercury, Inc., each a debtor and debtor-in-possession, (collectively herein "Debtors"), having filed a Motion for Accelerated Hearing on Shortened Notice on "Debtors' Emergency Limited Motion for Clarification of Certain Aspects of Cash Collateral Order" (the "Emergency Motion for Clarification") (Docket No. 234), the Omnibus Reply (Docket No. 262), and Supplemental Reply and Status

1 Report (Docket No. 286), Objections having been filed by FMCC and NMAC, hearings  
2 having been held on May 22, 2019 and June 5, 2019, and for good cause shown,

3 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

4 1. The Debtors are directed to pay the payroll to their employees and  
5 employees of Tates Management Group, Inc. (excluding insiders) for the period April 16  
6 through April 26, 2019 and the related payroll taxes as set forth in Exhibit A to the  
7 Supplemental Reply.

8 2. The Debtors shall make arrangements for customers to pick up and remove  
9 their cars which are in the Debtors' lots, service areas and body shops. Debtors may waive  
10 the garage men's liens and accounts if needed to facilitate the pickup and removal.  
11 Debtors shall be permitted to use up to \$900 of the cash in the Debtors' bank accounts to  
12 pay former employees to facilitate and implement the customer pickups and removals.

13 3. The Debtors shall pay and submit the pre-cut title and registration checks as  
14 requested and set forth in the Omnibus Reply.

15 SIGNED AND DATED ABOVE.  
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