

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF APPEALS
OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

CHRISTINA MENDEZ

Appellant,

v.

STATE OF TEXAS

Appellee.

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No. 12-MCA-3569

TICKET No.: T0285511.2

OPINION

Appellant appeals her conviction in Municipal Court for no registration. A fine of \$45.00 was assessed.


Appellant contends that she was driving her boyfriend's car and was unaware that the registration was not in the vehicle at the time she was cited. Since she did not own the vehicle, she therefore does not feel responsible for the fine assessed against her.

Appellant has also not provided to this Court the registration for the vehicle.

Nonetheless, Section 502.402, Tex. Transportation Code, provides that a person commits an offense if the person operates a motor vehicle that has not been registered as required by law. That section speaks to the operation of the vehicle and not its ownership. Therefore, even if Appellant is not the owner, the fact that she was operating the vehicle at the time she was stopped would make her responsible for the offense.

Therefore, the judgment of the Trial Court is hereby affirmed.

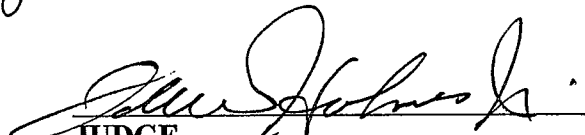
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JUDGE

JUDGMENT

This case came on to be heard on the Transcript of the Record of the Court below, the same being considered, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED by the Court that this case be affirmed.

SIGNED this 21st day of June, 2012.


JUDGE