

The scam is simple. It's not pretty.

A **licensed car dealer** conspires with an private (unlicensed) individual to pose as the car's owner on craigslist. **If/when** the purchaser has a problem with the used car, the unsuspecting buyer contacts the private seller; the seller claims it was never their car: "it belongs to a dealership." When the buyer contacts the dealership, the dealership says it's not their problem because the car was sold offsite (Dunkin Donuts parking lot, someone's house, etc.) Sometimes the "owner" hasn't provided legitimate contact information and removes the ad, and the buyer is stuck with no way to contact them (...the original owner).

Please know there is a very readable link re: use car selling...

<http://blog.mass.gov/consumer/massconsumer/buying-a-car-on-craigslist-know-who-you-are-buying-from/>

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