

Subject: Necessary policy updates after State v. Ingram

The Iowa State Supreme Court recently issued a ruling on *State v. Ingram*, a case involving the inventory search of a closed cloth bag following the decision by officers to impound a vehicle due to a registration violation. Officers searched the bag and found illegal substances inside, and the driver was subsequently arrested and convicted. The *Ingram* case is the result of his appeal, and the Court reversed the earlier conviction. A detailed analysis from our partner Lexipol can be found [here](#).

The *State v. Ingram* decision focuses on several issues pertaining to vehicle towing, impoundment and related searches. Your current policies will most likely need updating—unless you're a Lexipol customer.

Within 14 days of the Court's decision, Lexipol's Legal team had already analyzed the case and pushed out minor updates to their customers. The changes were minor because Lexipol's existing policy already addressed many of the Court's concerns.

If you haven't already considered Lexipol, now would be a good time. Plus, the Iowa Sheriffs & Deputies Association partners with Lexipol and our members get a discount. Karen James at [Lexipol](#) would be happy to help you get started. She can be reached at 949-325-1230 or kjames@lexipol.com.