

My son Blake is diagnosed with high functioning Autism formally known as Asperger's syndrome. He recently attained his driver's license and I (his mother) acquired my conceal carry permit. Due to the conceal carry permit, my vehicle registration reveals to law enforcement that my vehicle is being driven by a gun holder. As a conceal carrier there are certain protocols expected of me as a driver during a traffic stop. I became concerned with the possibility that law enforcement could be mistaken prior to a traffic stop, if it were to be Blake driving my vehicle at the time. Due to Blake's Autism, he could become frightened in out of normal circumstances and his reactions maybe mistaken by the law enforcement officer. There is always a risk when an individual is reacting out of the ordinary in certain situations but the risks are heightened when there is a possibility that a weapon is involved. I feel if a law were to be passed for an individual with communication and neurological impairments to have an identifying system included with vehicle registrations and driver's licenses, it would greatly reduce the risks of what could be an ordinary traffic stop becoming an unfortunate incident. It is my understanding that our law enforcement have been trained to be aware of individuals with special needs Therefore, not only is this a concern for safety; but it also would aid the law enforcement on how to prepare for what to expect from the individual whose car they are approaching. I also feel that if the identification of communication impairments were to be contained within the driver's license bar code and vehicle license plates, instead of a recognizable placard, it would help reduce the driver from possible victimization from the general public.