

INFORMATION REGARDING PERSONAL PROPERTY SEIZED BY THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

The property inventory form you received is your receipt for property inventoried by the Chicago Police Department (CPD). Keep that form in a safe place and have it available when contacting the CPD about your property.

You may obtain inventoried property by following the procedures detailed below. If you have any questions, please contact the CPD's **Evidence and Recovered Property Section (ERPS)** at **(312) 746-6777**. ERPS is located at **1011 S. Homan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60624**, and is open **Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** (closed holidays).

Property Available for Return to Owner:

- If your receipt is marked "**Property Available for Return to Owner**" and the property is not subject to any federal, state, or local forfeiture laws, you may obtain your property by presenting the receipt and a photo ID at ERPS. If you do not contact the CPD to obtain your property within 30 days of the date on the receipt, it will be considered abandoned under Chicago Municipal Code Section 2-84-160 and destroyed, confiscated, or sold at public auction at the CPD's discretion.
- If you are in jail or incarcerated, your receipt is marked "**Property Available for Return to Owner**," and the property is not subject to any federal, state, or local forfeiture laws, you may get property returned to you by sending a letter instructing ERPS to whom the property should be released, identifying the name of the facility where you are jailed or incarcerated, and providing a copy of your receipt and your photo ID to: **Chicago Police Department, Evidence and Recovered Property Section, 1011 S. Homan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60624**. If the property is money, a check will be sent to you at the facility where you are jailed or incarcerated. Property that is not money will not be mailed unless postage is prepaid by the owner or authorized representative.
- **Notice to Finders of Property:** Lost or abandoned property will be processed under the Illinois law, which does not provide for return of found property to the finder. *See 765 ILCS 1030/1, et seq.*

Personal Property Held for Evidence or Investigation:

- If your receipt is marked "**Hold for Investigation and/or Evidence**," and the property is not money and not subject to any federal, state, or local forfeiture laws (including narcotics, gambling or prostitution offenses), you may obtain your property by getting a court order from a criminal court judge. *See 725 ILCS 5/108, et seq.* You must bring the court order, your receipt, and your photo ID to ERPS to receive your property. To find out if your property is subject to forfeiture, you may contact the CPD's Asset Forfeiture Unit at **(312) 746-7630**, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed holidays).
- If your criminal case is over, and you did not have the judge sign an order for return of the property, you should return to the CPD facility where your property was inventoried. Give your receipt to desk personnel and they will help you get a property release order from the arresting or investigating officer. You must then bring the property release order, your receipt, and your photo ID to ERPS to receive your property. Under Chicago Municipal Code Section 2-84-160, you have 30 days to claim your property from the final court date of the proceedings in connection with which your property was inventoried. If you do not claim your property within the 30-day period, the property will be considered abandoned and will be destroyed, confiscated, or sold at public auction at the CPD's discretion.

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Money:

- If your property is **money** and not subject to any federal, state, or local forfeiture laws, it will be available for pick up at ERPS on the 31st day after the date on which it was inventoried, unless the CPD, the Cook County State's Attorney, or other applicable authority obtains a court order or search warrant to retain custody of the property. To find out if your money is subject to a court order or search warrant, contact ERPS at **(312) 746-6777**. You must provide your receipt and your photo ID to ERPS to obtain your money. If you do not pick up the money from ERPS within 60 days from the date it becomes available, a check for the amount of money inventoried – minus the cost of mailing – will be mailed to you at the address provided on the receipt via Certified U.S. Mail, Return Receipt Requested. Inventoried money that is less than the cost of mailing will not be returned by mail. If your current address is different from the address listed on your receipt, you must report your new address to ERPS at **(312) 746-6777**, to ensure that all future notices about your rights and the status of your property are sent to the correct address. Checks not cashed within 90 days are void. These funds are still available at ERPS for seven years after the date of the seizure of the money after which time it will be considered abandoned under Illinois law.

Property Held for Evidence or Investigation that May Be Subject to Forfeiture Under Federal, State, or Local Law:

- If your receipt is marked “**Hold for Investigation and/or Evidence,**” and/or the incident involves a forfeitable offense (including narcotics, gambling, or prostitution offenses), your property may be subject to forfeiture under federal, state, or local law. To find out whether your property is subject to forfeiture, you may contact the Asset Forfeiture Unit at **(312) 746-7630**, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed holidays). If your property is subject to forfeiture, a forfeiture probable cause hearing will be held within 14 days of the seizure of the property at the **Richard J. Daley Center, Room 1707, 50 W. Washington, Chicago, Illinois 60602**. Probable cause hearings are held on **Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.** (except on holidays). To learn the exact date of the forfeiture probable cause hearing relating to your property, contact the Office of the Cook County State's Attorney at **(312) 603-6462**, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., (closed holidays). For information regarding your rights, see the relevant Illinois statute for narcotics forfeitures ([click here](#) for 725 ILCS 150/3.5) and money laundering ([click here](#) for 720 ILCS 5/29-B-1(h)). If your property may be returned to you, the CPD will send a letter to the address provided on the receipt directing you how to recover your property. If forfeiture of your property is sought, notice of those proceedings will be provided by the Office of the Cook County State's Attorney. If your current address is different from the address listed on your receipt, it is important that you report your new address to the Asset Forfeiture Unit at **(312) 746-7630**, to ensure that all future notices about your rights and the status of your property are sent to the correct address.

Contact Phone Numbers:

- For questions regarding the **return of property**, call the CPD's Evidence and Recovered Property Section (ERPS) at **(312) 746-6777**.
- For questions regarding the **forfeiture of property**, call the CPD's Asset Forfeiture Unit at **(312) 746-7630**, or the Office of the Cook County State's Attorney at **(312) 603-6462**.