

INFORMATION REGARDING MONEY SEIZED BY THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

You may obtain inventoried money 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).

Money Available for Return to Owner:

- If your receipt is marked “**Property Available for Return to Owner**” and the money is not subject to any federal, state, or local forfeiture laws, you may obtain seized money by presenting the receipt and a photo ID at ERPS. If you do not pick up your money from ERPS within 30 days, 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 money are sent to the correct location. 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.
- If you are in jail or incarcerated, your receipt is marked “**Property Available for Return to Owner**,” and the money is not subject to any federal, state, or local forfeiture laws, you can have money returned to you by sending copies of your receipt, your photo ID, and the name of the facility where you are jailed or incarcerated to: **Chicago Police Department, Evidence and Recovered Property Section, 1011 S. Homan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60624**. A check will be mailed to you at the facility where you are jailed or incarcerated.

Money Held for Evidence or Investigation:

- If your receipt is marked “**Hold for Investigation and/or Evidence**,” but your money is 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 money. To find out if 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 seized money. If you do not pick up the money from ERPS within 60 days from the date on which 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 money are sent to the correct location. 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.

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Money 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 money may be subject to forfeiture under federal, state, or local law. To find out whether your money is subject to forfeiture, you should 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 forfeiture of your money is sought, a forfeiture probable cause hearing will be held within 14 days of the seizure of the money at the **Richard J. Daley Center, Room 1707, 50 W. Washington, Chicago, Illinois 60602**. Notice of these 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 money are sent to the correct location.
- 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 money, 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 money is available for return without a forfeiture probable cause hearing, the CPD will send a letter to the address provided on the receipt directing you how to recover your money. Again, 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 money are sent to the correct location.

Contact Phone Numbers:

- For questions regarding the **return of money**, call the CPD’s Evidence and Recovered Property Section (ERPS) at **(312) 746-6777**.
- For questions regarding the **forfeiture of money**, 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**.