



VERIFIED CLAIM TO NOTICE OF PENDING FORFEITURE

IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT

COUNTY: _____

County where the case has been filed.

Enter the case information as it appears on the Notice of Pending Forfeiture.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

V.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY TAKEN:

Describe the property or properties. For example, 2020 Green Honda Civic or \$2000.

CLAIMANT: _____

Your First, Middle, and Last Name

For the lines below, put the numbers that are on the Notice of Forfeiture you received. If you do not have these numbers, leave the lines blank.

State's Attorney Number
(SAO)

ISP Seizure Number

Civil Asset Forfeiture
Court Case Number

1. NAME & ADDRESS.

I am the claimant. A claimant is the person whose property has been taken by the State.

My name is: _____
First Middle Last Name

My mailing address is: _____
Street, Apt. # City State Zip Code

☐ Check this box if the address above is different than the address on the Notice of Pending Forfeiture.

2. WHO OWNS THE PROPERTY.

I own some or all of the property that was taken by law enforcement. Below is information about how I got the property or money that was taken.

*For each item, write the **date you got it** and then describe **how you got it**, including the name of the person or business who gave or sold it to you. If the property is **money**, write how much of it belongs to you. Be as clear and specific as possible.*

If more than 2 items were taken, you can attach another page.

A. _____
Date(s) I Received the Property or Money

Description of How I Got the Property or Money.

B. _____
Date(s) I Received the Property or Money

Description of How I Got the Property or Money.

3. OTHER PERSON OR BUSINESS THAT OWNS THE PROPERTY.

Are there other people or businesses who own part of the car, property, or money, or who have a loan or lien on it? (Like a co-owner or a bank you're making loan payments to.)

☐ No, I am the only owner.

☐ Yes. That person or business is: _____
Name Street, Apt. # City State Zip Code

4. REASONS THE PROPERTY SHOULD NOT BE FORFEITED (PERMANENTLY TAKEN).

Check all the boxes below that apply to your situation. If your car was taken, check boxes **c** and **d** if they apply to you.

My **property, money, or car** should not be forfeited (permanently taken) because (check all that apply):

A. ☐ It would be unfair to take the property because forfeiting the property would be an excessive fine under the 8th Amendment to the United States Constitution. ([725 ILCS 150/9.5](#); [720 ILCS 5/29B-18](#)).

B. ☐ The property is not connected to the alleged crime and/or I did not know about, take part in, or cause the alleged crime. ([720 ILCS 5/29B-13](#); [725 ILCS 150/9.1](#)).

After a complaint is filed and you believe you are an innocent owner, you can file an innocent owner motion. To contact your Circuit Clerk, visit ilcourts.info/clerks.

C. ☐ (if applicable) I use this car for work, like driving for Uber or Lyft, working as a taxi driver, or delivering people or things for money. This kind of work is called being a common carrier. ([725 ILCS 150/8\(a\)](#)).

D. ☐ (if applicable) The car was taken because of something someone else did, and that person did not have permission to use my car when the alleged offense happened. ([725 ILCS 150/8\(b\)](#)).

E. ☐ Other: _____

5. PROOF OF OWNERSHIP.

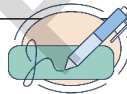
Do you have proof that the property or money belongs to you?

☐ No, I do not have any documents showing I own the property or money.

☐ Yes, I have the following documents (list the documents you have, like a title, receipt, or bank statement): _____

6. I am requesting that my property be returned to me as soon as possible.

SIGN



Under [735 ILCS 5/1-109](#), my signature means that:

1) Everything in this document is true and correct, or I have been informed or I believe it to be true and correct, and

2) I understand that making a false statement on this form is perjury and has penalties provided by law.

If you are filling out this form online, sign your name by typing it. If you are filling out this form by hand, sign and print your name.

Signature /s/ _____ Print Name _____

☐ I am completing this form for myself

Phone Number _____ Email (if you have one) _____

Address _____
Street, Apt. # City State Zip Code

Be sure to **check your email every day** so you do not miss important information, court dates, or documents from other parties.

☐ I am a lawyer completing this form on behalf of a client (Client name): _____

Lawyer Name _____ Attorney Number _____

Lawyer Phone Number _____ Law Firm _____

Lawyer Email _____

Address _____
Street, Apt. # City State Zip Code