

Monroe Police Department

Event No. _____

Found Property Rights Statement

() Bicycle () Miscellaneous Property

Finder _____ Age _____ Date _____

Address
Of Finder _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____

Location Where
Property Found _____

Nearest
Cross Streets _____



Statement

I, _____, hereby certify that on the ____ day of _____, 20____, at approximately _____, I found the unclaimed personal property which I have .. turned over to ().. reported to ().. the Monroe Police Department under Event number _____ at the location listed above. I understand the provisions of Title 63 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) printed on the reverse hereof, which advise me of my rights and responsibilities as the finder of said property. I further understand that if I desire to file a claim to said property, that I must fully comply with the provisions of said status, and further, that in failing to do so, I forfeit all rights and claims to said property.

At this time,.. I DO () I DO NOT ().. desire to assert my rights to claim said property if the true owner is not located.

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____ Time _____

Witnessed by _____



Property description: _____

Chapter 63.21 – LOST AND FOUND PROPERTY

PROCEDURE WHERE FINDER WISHES TO CLAIM FOUND PROPERTY – APPRAISAL – SURRENDER OF PROPERTY NOTICE OF INTENT TO CLAIM – PUBLICATION

Any person who finds property that is not unlawful to possess, the owner of which is unknown, and who wishes to claim the found property, shall:

- (1) Within seven days of the finding acquire a signed statement setting forth an appraisal of the current market value of the property prepared by a qualified person engaged in buying or selling like terms or by a district court judge.
- (2) Within seven days report the find of property and surrender, if requested, the property and a copy of the evidence of the value of the property to the chief law enforcement officer, or his or her designated representative, of the government entity where the property was found, and serve written notice upon the officer of the finder's intent to claim the property if the owner does not make out his or her right to it under this chapter.

CIRCUMSTANCES EXTINGUISHING FINDER'S CLAIM TO PROPERTY

The finder's claim to the property shall be extinguished:

- (1) If the owner satisfactorily establishes, within sixty days after the find was reported to the appropriate officer, the owner's right to possession of the property; or
- (2) If the chief law enforcement officer determines and so informs the finder that the property is illegal for the finder to possess.

RELEASE OF PROPERTY TO FINDER - LIMITATIONS – PAYMENT TO GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY OF PORTION OF APPRAISED VALUE – EXPIRATION OF FINDERS CLAIM

- (1) The found property shall be released to the finder and become the property of the finder sixty days after the find was reported to the appropriate officer if no owner has been found, or sixty days after the final disposition of any judicial or other official proceeding involving the property, whichever is later. The property shall be released only after the finder has presented evidence of:
 - (a) Compliance with the publication requirement of this chapter; and
 - (b) If the property is valued at more than twenty-five dollars, payment to the treasurer of the governmental entity handling the found property, the amount of ten dollars.
- (2) When ninety days have passed after the found property was reported to the appropriate officer, or ninety days after the final disposition of a judicial or other proceeding involving the found property, and the finder has not completed the requirements of this chapter, the finder's claim shall be deemed to have expired and the found property may be disposed of as unclaimed property under chapter 63.32 or 63.40 RCW. Such laws shall also apply whenever a finder states in writing that he or she has no intention of claiming the found property.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CHAPTER – FORFEITURE OF RIGHT TO PROPERTY

Any finder of property who fails to discharge the duties imposed by this chapter shall forfeit to the property and shall be liable for the full value of the property to its owner.