

PROPERTY CLAIM FORM

Port Angeles Police Department

Please note: If the property taken is contraband (property that is illegal to possess), it will be destroyed. Property which is taken and needed as evidence in a criminal investigation cannot be released until the criminal proceedings have concluded or the prosecuting authority determines that it can be released. Property subject to forfeiture can only be returned pursuant to the procedures set forth in the notice of seizure and intended forfeiture and applicable state law.

You can seek return of your property by completing and signing the form on the reverse side of this notice. You must return this form in person to the Port Angeles Police Department, 321 East Fifth Street, Port Angeles, Washington, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The review process may take up to four weeks; however, it will be expedited by accurate and complete information being provided. If the form is incomplete, your claim may be rejected. **YOU WILL BE CONTACTED DURING BUSINESS HOURS WHEN A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE CLAIMED PROPERTY CAN BE RELEASED.**

If your property is being held as evidence in a pending criminal matter, you should contact the prosecuting authority for a determination as to whether or not your property can be released to you. If the offense charged or pending review is a misdemeanor, then contact the City Attorney's Office, which is located at 321 East Fifth Street on the second floor of City Hall. If the offense charged or pending review is a felony, then contact the Prosecutor's Office, which is located at 223 East Fourth Street on the second floor of the Clallam County Courthouse. If you have been charged with a crime and are represented by an attorney, please have your attorney contact the appropriate prosecuting authority.

Please note: Any property not claimed may be disposed of in accordance with Chapter 63.32 of the Revised Code of Washington. The return of firearms is controlled by Chapter 9.41 of the Revised Code of Washington, which prohibits possession of firearms by convicted felons, persons convicted of prescribed domestic violence offenses, and persons subject to particular court orders.

Official use only: Officer No. _____ Case No. _____

Name _____ Day/Message Phone _____

Address _____

Date Property Taken _____ Police Incident No. _____

Are criminal charges pending against you or any other persons arising from this incident? Yes _____ No _____

Describe the criminal charges that have been filed or are pending and the corresponding cause numbers: _____

Name of County/City prosecutor assigned to the case: _____

Has an appeal been filed pertaining to these charges? Yes _____ No _____

Describe the property sought to be released: _____

Describe your legal interest in the property: _____

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that I have a possessory interest in or am the owner of the aforementioned property and am entitled to lawful possession of such property and the information provided herein is true and correct.

Signed at _____ this _____ day of _____, 19 _____.

Official use only: Date claim received _____ Date reviewed _____
Decision: Release to Claimant? Yes _____ No _____ Explain: _____

