



Volusia Sheriff's Office

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LOST/ABANDONED PROPERTY FINDER WISHES TO CLAIM NOTICE

Pursuant to Florida Statute §705.102, you have found lost or abandoned property and are lawfully reporting it to the Volusia Sheriff's Office. ("VSO"). The VSO Deputy taking the report shall ascertain whether you wish to make a claim to it if the rightful owner or lienholder cannot be identified or located. If you do wish to make such a claim, you shall deposit with VSO a sum of **\$100.00** for items valued at \$100 or less, and **\$130.00** for items valued over \$100 to cover the agency's cost for transportation, storage, and publication of notice. (Reimbursable by the rightful owner if the rightful owner identifies and claims the property.) To make arrangements to pay the agency fee as described above, contact the Volusia Sheriff's Office Evidence Section at (386) 258-4080, 3387 Tiger Bay Road, Daytona Beach, FL 32124, Monday through Friday from 8 am-4:30 pm, excluding holidays.

For lost (found) property, VSO shall retain custody of the property for **90 days**, unless the rightful owner or lienholder is identified and reclaims the property. If you have properly made the claim, and the property is returned to the rightful owner or lienholder, the deposited sum shall be reimbursed to you by the rightful owner or lienholder pursuant to Florida Statute §705.103. Otherwise, the deposited sum is not reimbursable. If the rightful owner or lienholder fails to claim the property pursuant to Florida Statute §705.104, title to lost or abandoned property is hereby vested in the finder (you) upon the expiration of the 90-day custodial time period specified in §705.103(2)(b) and you, finder, are entitled to possession of the lost or abandoned property although the deposited sum is not reimbursable. Pursuant to Florida Statute §705.103(7), if the rightful owner is located and does not pay the deposited sum within 30 days of making claim to the property, title vests in the VSO

VSO, within the first 45 days, must publish notice of the intended disposition of the property in a newspaper in Volusia County, once a week for 2 consecutive weeks, if the value of the property is more than \$100. If the value of the property is less than \$100 then Volusia Sheriff's Office notice must be posted in each of VSO's District Office's public lobby area. All found property will be listed in each VSO District Office's public lobby area.

PLEASE NOTE: Government employees finding lost or abandoned property during the course of their official duties shall submit the property to the jurisdictional law enforcement agency and such property shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter (§ 705), after which, if unclaimed by the rightful owner, the title to such property shall be vested in the state, county, or municipality and not in the employee.