



BLAINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Pride in Service to Our Community

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FOUND PROPERTY DECLARATION

DATE: _____ POLICE EVENT NUMBER _____

FINDER: _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: _____

I, _____, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ON

(date) _____, AT ABOUT (time) _____

I FOUND THE ABOVE LISTED UNCLAIMED PERSONAL PROPERTY, WHICH I HAVE TURNED OVER THE BLAINE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF RCW TITLE 63 (RELEVANT PORTION PRINTED ON THE ATTACHED SHEET, WHICH ADVISES 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 IF THE TRUE OWNER IS NOT LOCATED, I MUST FULLY COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SAID STATUE, 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 RIGHT TO CLAIM SAID PROPERTY IF THE TRUE OWNER IS NOT LOCATED.

SIGNED: _____ AT: _____

Signature of Finder

Location Signed

City of Blaine Police Department

Notice to Finder of Personal Property

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 (7) 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 items or by a district court judge; and
2. Within seven (7) 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/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.

The finder's claim to property shall be extinguished:

1. If the owner satisfactorily establishes, within sixty (60) days after the find was reported to the appropriate officer, the owner's right to possession of the property; or
2. If the Director of Public Safety determines and so informs the finder that the property is illegal for the finder to possess.

If the property is valued at twenty five (25) dollars or less, the finder can be allowed to retain the property if it is determined there is no reason for the Police to retain the property. If the property exceeds twenty five (25) dollars in value it will be requested to be surrendered to the law enforcement agency where it will be retained for sixty days before it can be claimed by the finder, unless the owner shall have recovered the property.

If the property is held as evidence in judicial or other official proceeding, the department shall retain the property for sixty days after the final disposition of the judicial or other official proceeding, before it can be claimed by the finder or owner.

The found property shall be released to the finder and become the property of the finder sixty (60) 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:

1. If the property is valued at more than twenty five (25) dollars, payment to the City Finance Department, the amount of five (5) dollars, or ten percent of the appraised value of the property, whichever is greater, which amount shall be deposited in the general fund of the governmental entity: and
2. Where a government agency publishes notice of the value of a found item, the government agency can recover: (a) a \$10.00 handling fee, plus (b) an additional fee to cover the cost of publication. However if the value of the item is less than the cost of publication, then no fee may be assessed.

When ninety (90) days have passed after the found property was reported to the appropriate officer, or ninety (90) 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 notice and RCW Chapter 63.21, the finder's claim shall be deemed to have expired and the found property may be disposed of as unclaimed property.

ANY FINDER OF PROPERTY WHO FAILS TO DISCHARGE THE DUTIES IMPOSED BY THIS NOTICE AND RCW CHAPTER 63.21 SHALL FORFEIT ALL RIGHT TO THE PROPERTY AND SHALL BE LIABLE FOR THE FULL VALUE OF THE PROPERTY TO ITS OWNER.

This notice sets forth the requirements of Washington State Law under RCW 63.21 and is made to aid the finder of personal property.

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