

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR PASCO AND PINELLAS COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2016-038 PA/PI-CIR

**RE: NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS OF SEIZURE AND FILING REQUIREMENTS  
UNDER SECTION 932.704(5)(c), FLORIDA STATUTES**

The Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act sets forth the procedural requirements governing the forfeiture of contraband articles. *See* §§ 932.701–932.7062, Florida Statutes. Pursuant to section 943.704(5)(c), Florida Statutes, any claimant who desires to contest the forfeiture action shall file and serve upon the attorney representing the seizing agency any responsive pleadings and affirmative defenses. It is therefore

**ORDERED:**

THAT YOU HAVE BEEN SERVED WITH A FORMAL COMPLAINT AND AS A PERSON WHO CLAIMS AN INTEREST IN THE SEIZED PROPERTY, YOU HAVE TWENTY (20) DAYS FROM SERVICE OF A COPY OF THE COMPLAINT FOR FORFEITURE TO FILE IN THIS COURT ANY RESPONSIVE PLEADING, ANSWER, AND/OR AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO THE COMPLAINT FOR FORFEITURE.

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED TO SERVE A COPY OF SUCH ANSWER OR RESPONSIVE PLEADING WITHIN SAID TIME PERIOD UPON THE ATTORNEY WHO FILED THE COMPLAINT FOR FORFEITURE. FAILURE TO FILE AND SERVE SUCH ANSWER OR PLEADING WITHIN SAID TIME PERIOD SHALL RESULT IN THE ENTRY OF A DEFAULT PURSUANT TO FLORIDA RULE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 1.500(a), AND A FINAL ORDER OF FORFEITURE.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2016.

ORIGINAL SIGNED ON JUNE 22, 2016  
BY ANTHONY RONDOLINO, CHIEF JUDGE

cc: All Judges  
The Honorable Bernie McCabe, State Attorney  
The Honorable Bob Dillinger, Public Defender  
The Honorable Paula O’Neil, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pasco County  
The Honorable Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pinellas County  
Gay Inskeep, Trial Courts Administrator  
Ngozi Acholonu, Assistant Regional Counsel  
Lillian Simon, Director of Administrative Services, Pasco County  
Nichole Alvarez-Sowles, Chief Operations Officer, Pasco County Clerk’s Office  
Kimberly Thompson, Director of Criminal Courts, Pasco County Clerk’s Office  
Law Enforcement Agencies, Pasco and Pinellas  
Bar Associations, Pasco and Pinellas Counties  
Law Libraries, Pasco and Pinellas Counties