

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS, HERNANDO, LAKE, MARION AND
SUMTER COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. A-2016-44

**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 Tavares, Lake County, Florida this 14
day of October, 2016.



DON F. BRIGGS
CHIEF JUDGE
FIFTH CIRCUIT