

**IN THE COUNTY COURT, IN AND FOR  
VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_  
JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff,

-vs-

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant/Pawnbroker.

**STATEMENT OF CLAIM FOR RETURN OF PROPERTY**

Plaintiff, \_\_\_\_\_ sues defendant, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
says:

1. This is an action for the return of stolen or misappropriated property pursuant to section 539.001, Florida Statutes.
2. Plaintiff is the owner of the following described property:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Attach a separate sheet if not enough space is available above.)

3. The above-described property was stolen or otherwise misappropriated from plaintiff on or about the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_ . A copy of the law enforcement report outlining the theft/misappropriation is attached hereto and incorporated into this statement of claim.
4. The above-described property is currently in the possession of defendant and is located at a pawnshop as defined in section 539.001, Florida Statutes, the address of which is  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Plaintiff has complied with the procedural requirements of section 539.001, Florida Statutes. Specifically, plaintiff notified the pawnbroker of plaintiff's claim to the property:

\_\_\_\_\_ by certified mail, return receipt requested, OR

\_\_\_\_\_ in person evidenced by a signed receipt.

The notice contains a complete and accurate description of the purchased or pledged goods and was accompanied by a legible copy of the aforementioned police report regarding the theft or misappropriation of the property. No resolution between plaintiff and defendant pawnbroker could be reached within 10 days after the delivery of the notice

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff demands judgment for the return of the property. Plaintiff further asks this court to award plaintiff the costs of this action, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff (signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address (City, State, Zip Code)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Day telephone number

State of Florida  
County of Volusia

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on \_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_, who is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification and who

**DID** **DID NOT** (circle one) take an oath.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, on \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
State of Florida

Note to Clerk of Court and to Sheriff: Pursuant to Section 539.001(15) filing fees and service fees shall be waived. Waiver does not require the filing of an application for insolvency.