**CAUSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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 § \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, TEXAS

**ORDER DETERMINING DISPOSITION OF STOLEN PROPERTY**

On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, the court heard this case.

The following interested parties appeared:

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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The court **FINDS** that the following property was seized by law enforcement, is alleged to have been stolen or acquired in an illegal way, and law enforcement is not allowed to release the property without a court order: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* The court **FINDS** that no criminal action related to the property is pending and the owner of the property is known. The court therefore **ORDERS** that:
* The property be delivered to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after payment of storage costs in the amount of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The property be delivered to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after payment of storage costs in the amount of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and subject to the condition that the property be made available to a prosecutor if needed in future prosecutions *(only an option if the prosecutor filed a written motion requesting this prior to the hearing.)*
* The property is awarded to the custody of the peace officer that seized it, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, pending resolution of criminal investigations regarding the property.

* The court **FINDS** that no criminal action related to the property is pending, probable cause exists to believe that the property was acquired by theft or another offense, and the identity of the owner cannot be determined. The court therefore **ORDERS** the peace officer with custody of the property, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to:
* Deliver the property to the following government agency for official purposes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Deliver the property to the following person, who is authorized by Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 18.17 to receive and dispose of the property: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* Destroy the property.
* The court **FINDS** that a criminal action related to the property is pending, written consent for this proceeding has been given by the prosecuting attorney, and an order has been entered under Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 47.02. The court further **FINDS** that the property is under the control of a peace officer and the court is satisfied that it has been proven that the person named below is the true owner of the property. The court therefore **ORDERS** the property to be delivered to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after payment of storage costs in the amount of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The court **FINDS** that there is doubt as to the ownership of the property and therefore **ORDERS** that the sheriff, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, will hold the property until further orders are made regarding possession.

*Optional:*

* The court further **FINDS** that there is doubt as to the ownership of the property and therefore **ORDERS** that before the property may be delivered to them, the alleged owner, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, is required to post a bond in an amount equal to the value of the property. The bond must be payable to and approved by the county judge of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County *(where the property is in custody)* and be filed in the office of the county clerk of that county.

**ISSUED AND SIGNED** on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_**.**

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, TEXAS