

IN THE COUNTY COURT, IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case Number: _____

Plaintiff

vs

Defendant / Pawnbroker

**STATEMENT OF CLAIM FOR
RETURN OF PROPERTY FROM PAWNBROKER**

Plaintiff, _____, sues defendant / pawnbroker
_____ 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: _____

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 the 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)

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Day telephone number

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MARION

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 this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public / Deputy Clerk
State of Florida

My Commission expires: _____

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 affidavit of insolvency.