

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania : CP - 51- MD - _____ - _____

Plaintiff

vs.

: OTN #

PID

: DC #

Defendant

: PR #

LOCATION OF SEIZURE: _____

OWNER OF PROPERTY: _____

PROPERTY SEIZED FROM: _____

**NOTICE TO DEFEND: CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE
TO THE CLAIMANT OF WITHIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY:**

You are required to file a written Answer to this petition, setting forth your title in, and right to possession of, said property within 30 days from the service hereof, and you are also notified that, if you fail to file the Answer, a decree of forfeiture and condemnation will be entered against the property.

A Pretrial Conference will be scheduled by the Court, and you should expect to receive a Notice of Pretrial Conference within a week or so after the Forfeiture Petition and this Notice to Defend are served on you. The date of the Pretrial Conference should be at least two weeks after you receive the Notice of Pretrial Conference which should allow you to attend the hearing. You or your attorney must attend this Pretrial Conference.

If you have been criminally charged in a case associated with the forfeiture matter, prior to filing an Answer to the Forfeiture Petition, you may file a *Praecipe to Stay the Forfeiture Proceedings* using the above-referenced caption and docket number. The forfeiture proceedings will be stayed by the Office of Judicial Records upon receipt of the *Praecipe*. However, please know that when the stay is lifted, you must file an Answer to the *Forfeiture Petition* within 30 days from the day the stay is lifted.

If you wish to seek the temporary release of your seized property while these forfeiture proceedings are pending, you may also file a *Motion for Release of Seized Property Pending the Conclusion of the Forfeiture Proceedings*, pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 5805(f) and 5806 at any time during the pendency of the Forfeiture Proceedings.

Additionally, you should know that **you may request a jury trial**. However, the request must be made no later than twenty (20) days after the service of the last permissible pleading. You can request a jury either by indicating so on any Answer you file or by submitting and filing a separate request with the Office of Judicial Records, preferably electronically, or by mail or in person at the Justice Juanita Kidd Stout Center for Criminal Justice, Second Floor, Motion Counter, 1301 Filbert Street, Philadelphia, PA.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER, OR CANNOT AFFORD ONE, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER.

IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE. YOU ARE NOT ENTITLED TO A COURT-APPOINTED LAWYER.

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Name:

Title:

Date:

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY
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PRAECIPE - CLAIMANT'S CHANGE OF ADDRESS

TO THE OFFICE OF JUDICIAL RECORDS:

Kindly update the Claimant's address for purposes of service of legal papers other than original process, and for giving notices pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. No. 236 to the following address:

Name:

Address:

Date: _____

Assistant District Attorney/PA Attorney General

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PRAECIPE TO STAY FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS

Claimant, _____, requests that pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 5805(a)(2)(ii) and Trial Division General Court Regulation No. 01 of 2018, the Forfeiture Proceedings be Stayed until the earlier of the disposition of the criminal case(s) related to the seized property or until Claimant's request to lift the Stay.

I understand that I may file a Motion for Release of Seized Property Pending the Conclusion of the Forfeiture Proceedings even after this Stay is granted.

Date: _____

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PRAECIPE TO LIFT STAY OF FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS

The undersigned requests that the Stay of Forfeiture Proceeding entered on

_____ is lifted at the request of

Claimant _____; the Commonwealth

Date: _____

Name: _____

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JURY TRIAL DEMAND

Claimant, _____, requests a Jury Trial as provided in Pa.R.C.P.

No. 1007.1 and Phila. Civ.R. *1007.1 and *1007.2.

Date: _____

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