

## **Stone County Sheriff's Office Evidence & Property**

### **PROPERTY SEIZURE**

If you have had property seized and are interested in having applicable items returned to you than you must send a letter to the following address expressing your interest of said property as well as a detailed list of the particular items you wish to have returned. This letter must be received within 30 days from the day the property is seized. After 30 days it is assumed that you have no further interest in the property and the property will be held until the next auction date.

Stone County Sheriff's Office  
Property Room  
PO Box 245  
Galena, MO 65656

Or via email at [admin@StoneCountyMOSheriff.com](mailto:admin@StoneCountyMOSheriff.com)

Please include as much information about your case as possible. The most helpful information would include your full name, names of other parties involved in the case, a case number or a date and time the report was taken. Also include in the letter your full name, address and telephone number so that we may contact you with any questions we may have.

Provided the items hold no evidentiary value, and either the Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney or Judge signs a release granting Stone County Sheriff's Office permission to return the property we will make contact with you and advise a date and time that you can retrieve your items.

In some cases the State of Missouri is awarded ownership of property seized. In that case the items will be held until the Stone County Sheriff's Office holds an auction, where the items will be sold to the general public.

## **FIREARM PROCEDURES**

Should the property you are wishing to be returned be a firearm, please note the following. Regardless of why the firearm was seized, the Stone County Sheriff's Office is required to check with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. The check we need to run can take between 30 – 90 days at the minimum.

In order to receive the firearm into your custody the Property & Evidence Seizure information applies in concurrence to these additional requirements.

- If the weapon is a handgun you will be required to get a gun permit from the county you reside in.
- A criminal background check will be run on **ALL** firearms before they are released.
- Should you have a **“COURT DISPOSITION PENDING,” “SES CONVICTION,” “SIS CONVICTION,” “DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONVICTION,” OR A “DRUG VIOLATION CONVICTION”** these **type of convictions can PROHIBIT you from owning or possessing a firearm through the Federal Court guidelines for gun ownership.** If this is the case then the firearm may be remanded into the Stone County Sheriff's Office possession for sale at a future auction.
- You must bring in with you at the time you are picking up the firearm a VALID Missouri Drivers License with either a Paid Property Tax Receipt or a Stone County Voters Registration Card.
- If there was any ammunition seized along with the firearm it is the policy of this agency to dispose of said ammunition. **NO AMMUNITION WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PERSON IT WAS SEIZED FROM.**

## **FOUND PROPERTY PROCEDURES**

Often times the sheriff's office receives found property from either citizens or law enforcement officers. If the sheriff's office receives property from a citizen and the citizen wishes to claim the found property then the person who located the property can request via letter, their interest in the property.

Found property is held 90 days, if no owner is located then the Stone County Sheriff's Office holds the property until the next auction where the items will be sold to the general public.