

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

DIVISION:  <p align="center"><b>CIVIL</b></p>	CASE NUMBER:  
PLAINTIFF  _____ Name  _____ Address  _____ City, State & Zip Code  _____ Phone:	VS. DEFENDANT/PAWNBROKER  _____ Name  _____ Address  _____ City, State & Zip Code  _____ Phone:

**STATEMENT OF CLAIM (FOR RETURN OF STOLEN PROPERTY)**

The above named Plaintiff(s) sue the above named Defendant(s) and says:

1. This is an action for return of stolen or misappropriated property pursuant to section 539.001, Florida Statutes.
2. The 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_ who is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification and who did/did not take an oath.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

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

**KAREN E. RUSHING  
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deputy Clerk