

Innocent Owner Notice to Prosecuting Authority

[Minn. Stat. § 169A.63, subd. 7a](#) (Alcohol)

[Minn. Stat. § 609.5314, subd. 1a](#) (Controlled Substance)

Any person, other than the driver alleged to have committed a designated offense, may assert an ownership interest in a vehicle seized under Minn. Stat. § 169A.63 (alcohol related vehicle seizure), or Minn. Stat. § 609.5314 (controlled substances related vehicle seizure) by notifying the prosecuting authority in writing **no later than 60 days** after being served with the *Notice of Seizure and Intent to Forfeit*.

The prosecuting authority is the attorney responsible for prosecuting the offense that resulted in the seizure (for example: Rice County Attorney's Office). Note: it is important to list the correct prosecuting authority. If you are not sure which agency you should list here, get legal advice.

You can use this form to notify the prosecuting authority of an innocent owner claim. Note: Court staff cannot give legal advice. If you are not sure how to use this form, get legal advice.

Do not file the *Innocent Owner Notice to Prosecuting Authority* with the court. You may want to keep a copy of the form for your records.

After receiving your *Innocent Owner Notice*, the prosecuting authority may release the vehicle to the person asserting an innocent owner claim, or may proceed with the forfeiture. If you have any questions, contact the prosecuting authority or get legal advice.

Have questions about court forms or instructions?

- Visit www.MNCourts.gov/SelfHelp
- Call the Statewide Self-Help Center at 651-435-6535

Not sure what to do about a legal issue or need advice?

- Talk with a lawyer
 - Visit www.MNCourts.gov/Find-a-Lawyer.aspx
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Helpful materials may be found at your public county law library. For a directory, see <http://mn.gov/law-library/research-links/county-law-libraries.jsp>. For more information, contact court administration or call the Minnesota State Law Library at 651-297-7651.

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To: _____
(Prosecuting Authority)

(Address)

(City, State, Zip Code)

1. My name is: _____
2. I am notifying you that I have an ownership interest in the following vehicle, which was seized by law enforcement on _____ (date of seizure):
 - a) Vehicle Details
 - Year: _____
 - Make: _____
 - Model: _____
 - Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): _____
 - License Plate Number: _____ State: _____
 - b) I claim the following ownership interest in the vehicle: _____

3. I am not the driver alleged to have committed a designated offense and (select one):
 - I did not have actual or constructive knowledge that the vehicle would be used or operated in any manner contrary to law, OR
 - I took reasonable steps to prevent use of the vehicle by the alleged offender.
4. I request that the vehicle be released to me.

Dated

Signature

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Telephone: _____
Email: _____