

PETALUMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

969 Petaluma Blvd. No., Petaluma, CA. 94952

PROPERTY IS RELEASED BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Call (707) 778-4328 for release information

Office Hours: Monday morning

Tuesday to Friday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (12028.5 P.C.)

If your firearm was seized for safekeeping, it must be held a minimum of 48 hours. The Petaluma Police Department may file a petition for a hearing regarding retention of the weapon which would delay release. A background check on the owner of the firearm must also be completed prior to release. Contact the Property Officer for more information on the status of your weapon.

PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION (5150/8192 W&I)

If your firearm was seized because you were taken to a mental health facility for evaluation, this department will file a petition in Superior Court requesting a hearing regarding retention of the weapon. You will be notified by mail at your last known address as to the hearing date, time and location.

PROPERTY SEIZED BY SEARCH WARRANT (1536 P.C.)

All property taken during the service of a search warrant can only be released by order of the court. You must obtain a court order for return of property and it must be served on this department. We will reply to such a request within ten (10) days.

STOLEN OR EMBEZZLED PROPERTY

If you are claiming property which is allegedly stolen or embezzled, you are hereby notified that the person claiming to be the true owner of the property at the time it was stolen or embezzled may file a declaration of ownership with this department. YOU HAVE FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO ASSERT ANY RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE TO THE PROPERTY.

EVIDENCE

Any property which is being held as evidence in a pending criminal case, will not be available for release until sixty (60) days after court adjudication. If a special need or circumstance is involved, contact the investigating officer or the district attorney's office. Evidence being held without a criminal case pending may have to be held until the Statute of Limitations expire.

FOUND PROPERTY

Items must be held for ninety (90) days pending notification of the rightful owner. The FINDER; may file a Found Property Affidavit, place a newspaper ad in the local paper, and claim the property after 90-days. Bicycles and firearms will not be released to the Finder.

SAFEKEEPING PROPERTY (3.08.020 PMC)

Any property being held by this department for safekeeping (except 12028.5 PC firearms) must be retrieved within sixty (60) days of seizure. Failure to do so will invalidate any claim and the property shall be disposed of in accordance with the law.

LOSS OR DAMAGED PROPERTY

Every citizen has the right to file a claim against any governmental entity alleged to be responsible for a legitimate loss. To receive a claim form contact Petaluma City Clerk's Office at 11 English St., Petaluma, CA., 94952. Phone (707) 778-4360.