

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
201 East University Avenue - Post Office Box 600
Gainesville Florida 32602
(352) 374-3636**

Plaintiff	Case No.: _____
Address	
City, State Zip Code	
Phone	
-VS-	
Defendant	Defendant
Address	Address
City, State Zip Code	City, State Zip Code
Phone	Phone

STATEMENT OF CLAIM FOR RETURN OF PROPERTY

Plaintiff sues defendant and says:

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

2. Plaintiff is the owner of the following described property: _____
_____.

3. The described property was stolen or otherwise misappropriated from plaintiff on or about _____. A copy of the law enforcement report outlining the theft/ misappropriation is attached and incorporated into this statement of claim.

4. The 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. The 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 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

State of Florida
County of Alachua

The foregoing was acknowledged before me on _____, _____
by _____.

_____ Personally known by me _____ Produced Identification/Type: _____

(SEAL)

Deputy Clerk or Notary Public

Note to Clerk of Court and to Sheriff: Pursuant to section 539.001(15), Florida Statutes, filing fees and service fees shall be waived. Waiver does not require the filing of an affidavit of insolvency.