

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
201 E University Ave, Gainesville FL 32601  
(352) 374-3636

_____	Case No.: _____
PLAINTIFF	
-vs-	Division: _____
_____	_____
DEFENDANT	DEFENDANT
_____	_____
Address	Address
_____	_____
City, State Zip Code	City, State Zip Code
_____	_____
Phone	Phone

**STATEMENT OF CLAIM FOR RETURN OF PROPERTY FROM PAWNBROKER**

Plaintiff, \_\_\_\_\_, sues defendant/pawnbroker 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.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

State of Florida  
County of Alachua

The foregoing was acknowledged before me on \_\_\_\_\_  
by \_\_\_\_\_ (Plaintiff).

Personally known by me, OR

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 indigency application.