

***Instructions for Property Release***  
**Gustine Police Department**  
**682 Third Avenue, Gustine California 95322**  
**Property is released by appointment only**  
**Call the property evidence officer at (209)854-3737**  
**Between the Office hours of 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.**  
**And 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.**

The property listed on the front of this sheet or attached sheets is currently in the possession of the Gustine Police Department. Please review the appropriate sections (listed below) for information on how to recover your items.

**WEAPONS (WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTIONS 5150/8102)**

Weapons seized pursuant to either of these sections may be returned to the owner after 30 days unless the law enforcement agency has petitioned the court for an order for other disposition of the weapons. Contact the Gustine Police Department Evidence Custodian, after 30 days from the date of seizure to determine if the weapons can be released. If the Gustine Police Department has requested a court hearing regarding the weapons, the weapons cannot be returned until the disposition of the court hearing. If the court orders the weapons returned, you have 30 days to pickup the weapons.

**SAFEKEEPING**

Items submitted for temporary safekeeping must be claimed within 60 days of the department taking possession or they will be disposed of as specified in the law. All perishable and open containers of alcohol will be destroyed at intake. You or an authorized representative will need to call to make an appointment. If items are to be released to a representative, the representative will need written authorization from the owner and photo identification before property is released. (Civil Code Section 2080.10)

**FOUND PROPERTY**

Items submitted as found property will be held for 90 days. The finders wanting to claim the property need to complete a found property statement at the time the property is turned in to the department. Finders making claims will be notified by mail at the end of the 90 day period for pickup, if no owner has come forward to claim the property.

**RECOVERED PROPERTY/EVIDENCE (STOLEN OR EMBEZZLED PROPERTY)**

Property has been taken from you which is allegedly stolen or embezzled. Pursuant to Penal Code Section 1413, upon being served a notice of a claim of ownership from this department, you will have 15 days, from the prior date of service to notify the property officer, in writing, if you wish to dispute the claim. After you have been given an opportunity to be heard on this matter, the property in question may be released to you or the person claiming to be the owner. If criminal charges are filed, you may ask the court hearing the case to review the decision of the department. If you chose to waive your rights, such action may not be held against you in any criminal proceeding.

**EVIDENCE**

Items submitted, as evidence will only be released if the assigned investigator authorizes the release in writing or you present a Superior Court Order, ordering the release of the items. Court orders will need to be presented to the property/evidence officer along with photo identification.

**WEAPONS DUE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Weapon(s) have been held as required by law. The weapon(s) will be made available 48 hours after the seizure or as soon thereafter as possible, but no later than 72 hours after the seizure. Every person claiming ownership will be subject to a criminal background check for any firearm ownership restrictions, prior to the release of the weapon. The criminal background check may delay the release of the weapon(s).