CLAIM AND DELIVERY PROCESS

This action is for the recovery of specific personal property wrongfully taken or withheld from its rightful owner. This filing is handled in Magistrate Court if the value of the property to be regained does not exceed $7,500.

Option 1: If the complaint is with a company that is classified as business; you must send a certified letter stating your complaint. You must give the other party twenty days to respond, if not, you may file a claim at the magistrate's office.

Option 2: If the complaint is with someone or a company that is classified as personal; you may contact them to let them know that you are going to take legal action. If you have no satisfaction, you may file a claim at the magistrate's office.

1. You may contact or visit the magistrate's office to begin a claim or to ask any questions that you may have. You will need to complete the CLAIM & DELIVERY APPLICATION, which has a filing fee of $65.00 dollars.
2. It is required to have two copies for the filing process (one original and one copy).
3. Once served the defendant will have fifteen days to satisfy you claim before any further action can be taken.
   - Defendant has five days after being served to request a hearing on the issues of the claim.
4. After the fifteen days, if the defendant has not responded or satisfied your claim, you may contact the Magistrates Office and file for a pickup order. This order allows and is mandatory for an officer to supervise the pickup of your property and requires a fee of $20.00.
5. If for some reason your property has been litigated or damaged, you may request a judgment against the defendant for the money value of the property.

* NOTE: There is no assurance you will receive the money if you win the claim or if the judge finds in your favor*

(We are not allowed to give legal advice)