

the vehicle, the clerk of the court where the petition is filed shall have an appraisal made by the sheriff of the county or city in which the court is located. The sheriff shall promptly inspect and render an appraisal of the value of the vehicle and return the appraisal, in writing, under oath, to the clerk of the court in which the proceedings are pending. Upon the filing of the appraisal, the owner may give bond payable to the State of Maryland, in an amount equal to the appraised value of the vehicle plus court costs which may accrue, with security to be approved by the clerk, and conditioned for performance on the final judgment of the court after the hearing on the petition, the court directs that the motor vehicle or such interest or equity as the owner may have therein, be forfeited, judgment may thereupon be entered against the obligors on the bond for the penalty thereof, without further or other proceeding, to be discharged by the payment of the appraised value of the vehicle so seized and forfeited and costs, upon which judgment execution may issue.

(j) (N) Subject to the provisions permitting posting of a bond, the court shall retain custody of the motor vehicle pending prosecution of the person accused of ~~the felony~~ and in case such person be found guilty, the motor vehicle shall remain in the custody of the court until the hearing on the forfeiture is held. The hearing shall be scheduled no more than 30 days after conviction of the defendant, and reasonable notice shall be given to those parties filing an answer to the petition.

(k) (O) If no timely answer is filed, the court shall hear evidence upon the motor vehicle's use in ~~the perpetration of or in connection with a felony~~ VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE and shall upon satisfactory proof thereof, order the motor vehicle forfeited to the State.

(l) (P) At the scheduled hearing, any owner who filed a timely answer may show by competent evidence that the motor vehicle was not in fact used in ~~the perpetration of or in connection with a felony~~ VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE on that he neither knew nor should have known that the motor vehicle was being, or was to be SO₂ used in ~~the perpetration of or in connection with a felony~~. Upon the determination that the motor vehicle was not so used, the court shall order that the motor vehicle be released to the owner.

(m) (Q) If after a full hearing the court decides that the vehicle was used in ~~the perpetration of or in connection with a felony~~ VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE or that the owner knew or should have known that the motor vehicle was being, or was to be SO₂ used in ~~the perpetration of or in connection with a felony~~, the court shall order that the motor vehicle be sold ~~or used by~~ FORFEITED TO the State.

(n) (R) If THE COURT SHALL DETERMINE THAT the forfeited motor vehicle be subject to a bona fide recorded security interest created without the knowledge that the motor vehicle was being, or was to be, used in ~~the perpetration of or in connection with a felony~~, VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE, the court shall order that the motor vehicle be sold by the State.

(o) (S) If a vehicle is ordered to be sold under the provisions of this section, the sale shall be at public auction at some place which is open, convenient, and accessible to the public, at any time between 10 o'clock a.m. and 6 o'clock p.m. on any weekday, provided the time,