

(4) IF THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY ARE UNKNOWN OR CANNOT BE FOUND, NOTICE OF THE SEIZURE AND INTENDED FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS SHALL BE MADE BY PUBLICATION IN ONE OR MORE NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE ACTION IS BROUGHT IF THERE BE ONE SO PUBLISHED, AND IF NOT, IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING A SUBSTANTIAL CIRCULATION IN SAID COUNTY. IN BALTIMORE CITY THE NOTICE SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN ONE OR MORE OF THE DAILY NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY. THE NOTICE SHALL STATE THE SUBSTANCE AND OBJECT OF THE ORIGINAL PETITION AND GIVE NOTICE OF THE INTENDED FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS.

(5) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF THE NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INTENDED FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS OR WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION, THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY SEIZED MAY FILE AN ANSWER UNDER OATH TO THE PETITION.

(6) IF THE PROPERTY IS A VEHICLE AND THE OWNER THEREOF DESIRES TO OBTAIN POSSESSION THEREOF BEFORE THE HEARING ON THE PETITION FILED AGAINST 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 VEHICLE 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.

(7) (6) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS PERMITTING POSTING OF A BOND, THE COURT SHALL RETAIN CUSTODY OF THE SEIZED PROPERTY PENDING PROSECUTION OF THE PERSON ACCUSED OF VIOLATING SECTION 36B AND IN CASE SUCH PERSON BE FOUND GUILTY, THE PROPERTY 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.