

(h) -- The State's attorney for the county or Baltimore City where the seizure is made shall notify the owner of the motor vehicle WITHIN 15 DAYS by certified mail of the seizure and of the determination by the State's attorney of whether the owner knew or should have known that the motor vehicle was being, or was to be, used in violation of this subtitle.

(b-1) -- THE HEARING ON THE FORFEITURE OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL BE SCHEDULED NO MORE THAN 60 DAYS AFTER ANY CRIMINAL CONVICTION OF THE DEFENDANT.

(r) (1) -- 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 violation of this subtitle, the court shall order that the motor vehicle be { sold by the State } RELEASED TO THE SECURED PARTY, -- IF THE SECURED PARTY SIGNS A STATEMENT -- AGREEING NOT TO SELL THE MOTOR VEHICLE TO THE DEFENDANT, OR AN AGENT OF THE DEFENDANT.

(2) -- IF A VEHICLE IS RELEASED TO A SECURED PARTY UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEFENDANT MAY BE FINED FOR PAYMENT OF ALL PROPER EXPENSES OF THE PROCEEDINGS FOR FORFEITURE, INCLUDING EXPENSES OF SEIZURE, MAINTENANCE OF CUSTODY, ADVERTISING AND COURT COSTS.

(u) -- The proceeds of sale shall be applied first to payment of all proper expenses of the proceedings for forfeiture and sale including expenses of seizure, maintenance of custody, advertising and court costs, secondly, to payment of the balance due on { a } ANY LIEN { if any } THAT IS NOT A BONA FIDE RECORDED SECURITY INTEREST. -- The balance { if any } shall be deposited in the general funds of the State.

(f) (3) Forfeiture of the motor vehicle used in violation of this subtitle shall be recommended to the State's attorney only after the chief law-enforcement officer of the police department, bureau, or force [which] THAT seized the motor vehicle HAS DETERMINED FROM THE RECORDS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL REGISTERED OWNERS AND SECURED PARTIES AS DEFINED IN THE CODE, has personally reviewed the facts and circumstances of the seizure and has personally determined, according to the above guidelines, that forfeiture is warranted and so represents in writing to the appropriate State's attorney.

[(g) Upon the seizure of a motor vehicle and the recommendation for forfeiture, the State's attorney for the county or City of Baltimore where the seizure is made shall notify the Motor Vehicle Administrator by certified mail of the seizure and of the motor or vehicle identification number of the motor vehicle seized. The Administrator shall promptly certify to the State's attorney the name and address of the owner. The term "owner" in this subtitle includes a secured party as well as