- TO PAYMENT OF ALL OTHER EXPENSES OF THE PROCEEDINGS FOR FORFEITURE, INCLUDING EXPENSES OF SEIZURE, OR MAINTENANCE OF CUSTODY; AND
- 4. TO THE GENERAL FUNDS OF THE STATE OR THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THAT SEIZED THE MOTOR VEHICLE.
- SUMS REALIZED ON ANY BOND POSTED TO REGAIN ANY POSSESSION OF THE VEHICLE SHALL BE APPLIED AS PROVIDED FOR PROCEEDS OF SALE UNDER SUBSECTION (J)(2)(IV) OF THIS SECTION.
- [(j) If the State's attorney determines that the vehicle should be forfeited to the State, he shall petition the circuit court of the appropriate subdivision in the name of the State of Maryland against the motor vehicle as designated by make, model, year, and motor or serial number. The petition shall allege the seizure and set forth in general terms the causes or grounds of forfeiture. It shall also pray that the motor vehicle be condemned as forfeited to the State and disposed of according to law.
- [(k) If the owner or owners of the vehicle 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.]
- [(1) 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 motor vehicle seized may file an answer under oath to the petition.]
- [(m) If the owner of the seized motor vehicle 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 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