

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.]

[(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 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.]

[(o) If no timely answer is filed, the court shall hear evidence upon the motor vehicle's use in violation of this subtitle and shall upon satisfactory proof thereof, order the motor vehicle forfeited to the State.]

[(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 violation of this subtitle or that he neither knew nor should have known that the motor vehicle was being, or was to be so used. Upon the determination that the motor vehicle was not so used, the court shall order that the motor vehicle be released to the owner.]

[(q) If after a full hearing the court decides that the vehicle was used in violation of this subtitle or that the owner knew or should have known that the motor vehicle was being, or was to be so used, the court shall order that the motor vehicle be forfeited to the State.]

[(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 violation of this subtitle, the court shall order that the motor vehicle be sold by the State.]

[(s) If the person accused fails to appear for trial and the State's attorney determines that the person is a fugitive from justice for a period of one year, the State's attorney may apply for forfeiture of the vehicle by giving the notice required by subsection (k).]

[(t) 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, place and terms of the sale, together with a detailed description of the vehicle or part thereof, is inserted in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the city or county where the sale is to take place, at least once each week for two successive weeks prior to the sale.]