

it in pursuance of an order of the circuit court for the county sitting as a juvenile court.

(b) If the person entitled to receive such monies shall be unknown, or if his address is unknown or if he shall fail to claim the monies to which he shall be entitled, it shall be kept by the probation department in a special fund for a period of ninety days from the date on which it was due. During such period the probation department shall make every reasonable effort to learn the identity of such person or to learn his address, as the case may be, either by mail, personal inquiry, or by any other reasonably possible means.

(c) If at the end of the ninety-day period aforesaid, the person entitled to receive the monies shall not have been located, the probation department shall send a certified letter via the United States post office department to the last known address of such person, and a notice shall be published in two newspapers published in and distributed throughout the county for three successive days. This notice shall inform such person that there is money in the possession of the probation department belonging to such person and requiring him to claim such money within thirty days from the publication of the notice.

(d) If at the end of such period aforesaid, the person is still unknown or unlocated, the probation department may apply to the circuit court for the county sitting as an equity court for an order declaring such monies to be forfeited and to be the property of the county. The court shall determine upon inquiry that all proper and reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the name or address of the person, and if the court is satisfied as to such determination it shall pass an order directing such monies to be forfeited to and be the property of the county.

(e) Such monies shall thereupon be paid into and be part of the general funds of the county and may be expended for any proper purpose thereof.

(f) If within the further period of three years from the time of such order of forfeiture any person shall appear before the equity court and seek an order for the payment to him of such monies, and if it shall appear to the court that such person is the proper person to receive such monies and is the person whom the probation department was not able to identify or locate, the court by order shall direct the county to repay such monies to such person, without interest.

(g) Upon receiving any such order, the county shall provide for the repayment of such monies, from its general funds. No such order for repayment may be directed to the county after the expiration of such further three-year period.]