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- (d) Except as provided under subsection [(r)] (J) of this section, whenever property is forfeited under this subheading, the political subdivision in which such property was seized, or, if the property was seized by State authorities, the State may:
- (1) Retain the property for official use (except, whenever coin, currency, or property is seized by the Baltimore City police, and forfeited under this subheading, it shall be surrendered to the City of Baltimore for disposition according to this section);
- (2) Sell any forfeited property which is not required to be destroyed by law and which is not harmful to the public, provided that the proceeds be disposed of for payment of all proper expenses of the proceedings for forfeiture and sale including expenses of seizure, maintenance of custody, advertising and court costs;
- (3) Require an appropriate agency to take custody of the property and remove it for disposition in accordance with law, or destruction.
- (j) (1) If, after a full hearing, the court determines that the motor vehicle should not be forfeited, the court shall order that the motor vehicle be released.
- (2) (i) If the court determines that the motor vehicle should be forfeited, the court shall order that the motor vehicle be forfeited to the State.
- (ii) If, however, the court determines that the forfeited motor vehicle is 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 released within 5 days to the secured party of record.
- (iii) The secured party shall sell the motor vehicle in a commercially reasonable manner.
- (iv) The proceeds of the sale shall be applied as follows:
- 1. To the court costs of the forfeiture proceeding;
- 2. To the balance due the secured party including all reasonable costs incident to the sale;
- 3. To payment of all other expenses of the proceedings for forfeiture, including expenses of seizure, or maintenance of custody; and