

(4) Timely notice must be given by certified mail or other appropriate means to any known claimants, at their last known address, of the requirements of this section for making claim for the return of seized moneys, or the seized moneys shall not be forfeited as provided by paragraph (3) of this section.

(e) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Ultimate disposition" of charges and of indictments includes acquittal, dismissal, guilty, probation prior to judgment, pleas of guilty and of nolo contendere, a stet, a nolle prosequi, and termination of the criminal proceedings pursuant to appeal.

(3) "Record of conviction" includes pleas of guilty and of nolo contendere.

(4) This section does not prohibit the trial judge after an acquittal or dismissal from ordering immediate return of all property seized.

(f) The clerk of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County shall, prior to the expiration of one month after June 1, 1966, in those cases in which the record of conviction or convictions, as hereinafter provided, is or are then final, make application to the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County for an order that all of such money, currency, and cash then in his custody, which is deemed contraband under this section, shall be forfeited to the county, if the trial or other ultimate disposition of such charges or indictments resulted in a record of conviction being entered against any of the persons so arrested or charged in connection with which the said contraband has been so seized. If said circuit court shall establish to its satisfaction that there is no pending and undetermined suit or proceeding filed in any court of competent jurisdiction against said clerk, said court shall proceed so to order a forfeiture of such contraband to Anne Arundel County. When any said order of forfeiture has become final, the said clerk shall immediately pay over all of said contraband to Anne Arundel County.

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Upon the seizure of contraband coin and currency pursuant to §§ 264 and 297 of this article, the seizing authority shall cause it to be immediately photographed and a record made of the serial number of each paper currency. The photographs may be substituted for the coin and currency as evidence in any criminal case.

The coin and currency when photographed and recorded shall immediately be deposited by the seizing authority to the account of the county treasurer or director of finance of Baltimore City, OR THE MUNICIPAL TREASURER OR DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY, as the case may be.