

How do I get my property back from the Urbana Police Division?

LOST/FOUND PROPERTY

Often times citizen of our community find items on the street or in their yards that don't belong to them. As a result many turn those items over to the police division. If we are able to determine the owner of the found items we make every effort to return it to them as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, many times we are unable to determine the rightful owner.

If you have lost an item, and believe that it might have been turned into the police division you can check with the property officer during his normal work hours. If it's in our possession you will be able to pick it up.

PROPERTY TAKEN AS A RESULT OF MY ARREST

Misdemeanor arrest (Municipal Court):

When a person is arrested often times the items that were in their possession and seized by the arresting officer(s) become evidence in a possible criminal trial. Additionally, items that were seized from your home, yard, vehicle, etc. fall under the same possibility as being items of evidence in a pending criminal trial.

Felony arrest (Common Pleas Court):

Just as in the case of a misdemeanor arrest where items were seized from a person, their home, yard, vehicle, etc. by the arresting officer(s), the seized items could be possible evidence in a pending criminal trial.

For situations such as this your items CAN NOT be immediately returned to you. The property officer must first obtain the permission of the prosecutor and judge in the case. The court (judge) will ultimately decide if your items can be returned to you upon the completion of the case.

In situations where items were seized as a result of a search warrant those items CAN NOT be immediately returned to you. When items are seized by officers upon the execution of a search warrant those items become the property of the court issuing the search warrant.

Typically, items will not be returned until the case is complete. In some cases items will not be returned until all appeal processes have expired. Ultimately, the presiding judge in the case will decide what will be done with the seized items. It is then the responsibility of the property officer to carry out the judge's orders.

If you have any further questions, please contact the division's property room officer:

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