



Roll Call Training Bulletin

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Found Bicycle Procedures

The following changes will be **effective as of June 25th, 2011**.

The Evidence and Property Section (EPS) will no longer pick up and book found bicycles.

If a citizen reports an abandoned or found bicycle, the following procedures will be followed:

1. The Communications Center staff will ask callers who are reporting found bicycles if there are visible serial numbers or an owner applied number (OAN).
2. If there is an OAN, an officer will be dispatched to retrieve the bike and to attempt to locate the owner via the OAN using routine investigative techniques and databases.
3. In the absence of an OAN, Communications Center staff will run an automated query to determine if the bike has been reported stolen.
 - a. In the event of a "hit", Communications Center staff will compare the information on the automated response to the description the caller is giving of the bike to determine if it is the item that was reported stolen (frequently a serial number will come back as a hit but to a different bike).
4. In the absence of an OAN or a stolen property "hit", the caller will be advised that if they wish to turn in the found bicycle, they can take it to EPS (555 Sequoia Pacific Blvd). Current hours open to the public are Monday-Thursday, 0800-1700, except for City Holidays.
5. Per the CA Civil Code – Found property only needs to be turned in if the value is over \$100.00 (see 2080 & 2080.1 below).
6. Found bicycles will be booked and processed at EPS.
7. The Abandoned Bicycle template (ALL-ABAND BIKE RPT) will be removed from the V-mail but maintained as a text template for possible future use.

CALIFORNIA CODES CIVIL CODE SECTION 2080-2080.10

2080.

Any person who finds a thing lost is not bound to take charge of it, unless the person is otherwise required to do so by contract or law, but when the person does take charge of it he or she is thenceforward a depositary for the owner, with the rights and obligations of a depositary for hire. Any person or any public or private entity that finds and takes possession of any money, goods, things in action, or other personal property, or saves any domestic animal from harm, neglect, drowning, or starvation, shall, within a reasonable time, inform the owner, if known, and make restitution without compensation, except a reasonable charge for saving and taking care of the property. Any person who takes possession of a live domestic animal shall provide for humane treatment of the animal.



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- (a) If the owner is unknown or has not claimed the property, the person saving or finding the property shall, if the property is of the value of one hundred dollars (\$100) or more, within a reasonable time turn the property over to the police department of the city or city and county, if found therein, or to the sheriff's department of the county if found outside of city limits, and shall make an affidavit, stating when and where he or she found or saved the property, particularly describing it. If the property was saved, the affidavit shall state:
- (1) From what and how it was saved.
 - (2) Whether the owner of the property is known to the affiant.
 - (3) That the affiant has not secreted, withheld, or disposed of any part of the property.
- (b) The police department or the sheriff's department shall notify the owner, if his or her identity is reasonably ascertainable, that it possesses the property and where it may be claimed. The police department or sheriff's department may require payment by the owner of a reasonable charge to defray costs of storage and care of the property.