



FORT SILL POST CLAIMS



Victims of Crime

When you are the victim of a crime, Law Enforcement Officers (CID) may take and store property as evidence of the crimes committed. Examples are stolen property, property that contains evidence such as finger prints or DNA samples, and property that contains other forms of evidence (such as a cell phone with stored pictures or text messages).

Any property held as evidence will be safeguarded in the evidence storage facility and returned to the rightful owner as soon as possible. The prompt return of your property is always preferred by Law Enforcement and by the Claims Office. If you want your property returned before the criminal investigation and prosecution are resolved, you should first contact the investigating officer in charge of the case. If the investigating officer cannot return your property based on the needs of the investigation, the officer will explain the reasons for retaining your property and provide an estimate of when it can be returned to you.

If the property belonging to the victim of a crime is to be held as evidence for an extended period of time and the temporary loss of the property will cause a grave hardship on the victim, this type of loss is compensable and a claim for the loss may be considered for payment at the Claims Office. In determining if a grave hardship will result from detention of the claimant's property, we must consider the nature of the item and the length of time it is expected to be detained. As a general rule, payment for nonessential items will not be allowed unless they will be held for more than 60 days.

Claims for some items, such as a child's car seat or cell phone, might be payable if the item will only be held for a week. This provision will not be used unless every effort has been made to determine whether secondary evidence, such as photographs, may be substituted for the item.

The following documents will be needed to process your claim:

- (a) DD Form 1842 – Claim for loss or damage to personal property
- (b) DD Form 1844 – Itemized list of the property to include mo/yr purchased and purchase price, all property claimed must be substantiated
- (c) Direct Deposit Information
- (d) CID Report Case Number
- (e) Copy of the itemized list of the property that was held as evidence

Generally, no compensation is allowed for property seized from the person suspected of an offense unless all of the evidence, to include any evidence that may have been excluded at trial, clearly exonerates the suspect of all crimes. In all other cases, where items seized from a suspect are lost or damaged, the claim should be considered under any applicable tort claims authorities.

The Fort Sill Claims Office is located at 4700 Mow-Way Rd., Suite 400. Our office operates on a walk-in basis from the hours of 8:00am - 4:00 pm, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. On Thursdays, hours are from 12:00pm - 4:00 pm. Our telephone number is (580) 442-2317.