

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Civil forfeiture is the process the government uses to take and sell your property—including cash, cars, and even homes—even if you have not been convicted of—or even charged with—any crime.

Every year hundreds of thousands of Americans lose their property through civil forfeiture—don't be one of them!

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EVERY AMERICAN HAS THE RIGHT TO:

- **Travel with cash.** It is legal to possess and travel with any amount of cash. However, if you are departing or entering the United States with more than \$10,000, you are required to report it to U.S. Customs.
- **Refuse a warrantless search.** Never consent to a search of your car, home, person, or belongings and insist that law enforcement first obtain a warrant. *Exception: Airports and government buildings may search for weapons at entry.*
- **Remain silent.** Don't fall victim to high-pressure tactics such as aggressive and confusing questioning. You do *not* have to speak to police without an attorney present.

IF YOUR PROPERTY IS SEIZED:

- **Do not sign a waiver.** Refuse to sign any waiver or other agreement “giving” your property to law enforcement during a traffic stop or other encounter.
- **Demand a receipt.** Be sure to get a property receipt from law enforcement listing everything that was taken from you.
- **Report abuse immediately** at ij.org/report-abuse.

The Institute for Justice is leading the national fight to end civil forfeiture.
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