
TO: Kate Thunstrom, City Administrator
FROM: Todd Schwieger Police Chief
SUBJECT: Abandoned Property
DATE: April 7, 2025

OVERVIEW:

In August 2022 a search warrant was conducted at a residence in St. Francis resulting in a large quantity of stolen items being recovered. In addition to items which were confirmed stolen, officers also seized property for further investigation that had a high likelihood of being stolen. Throughout the investigation owners were located for several of the suspected stolen items which were then returned. Multiple items still remain in possession of the police department where owners have not been identified, and no proof of ownership has been received from the individual in which the items were seized.

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED:

To approve Resolution 2025-17 which declares seized property related to St. Francis Police case numbers 22-170946 and 22-176603 as abandoned property.

The Police Department will utilize the online bidding service of Municibid to sell and dispose of the items. St. Francis city code 8-7-2 (C) authorizes the City to sell abandoned property to the highest bidder at public auction or in the manner directed by Council.

BUDGET IMPLICATION:

Work performed in the preparation and selling of surplus vehicles will be conducted during normal working hours. Funds collected from the sales of the vehicles will be placed into City of St. Francis General Fund.

Attachments:

- Resolution 2025-17
- Abandoned Property List related to St. Francis Police case numbers 22-170946 and 22-176603 (EXHIBIT A)