

Criminal Assets Recovery Act 1990 (section 21C)

ASSETS FORFEITURE NOTICE

In accordance with section 21C of the *Criminal Assets Recovery Act 1990 (the Act)*, the New South Wales Crime Commission (**the Commission**) hereby issues a notice of intention to forfeit (**assets forfeiture notice**) the following property to the Crown:

Cash in the approximate amount of \$990,545 seized by members of the New South Wales Police Force on 27 June 2023 during a search of Kia Carnival vehicle with New South Wales registration number EZC31V while driving in the vicinity of the Hume Highway at Coolac NSW (**the property**).

This assets forfeiture notice is issued on the following grounds:

1. The property is held by the New South Wales Police Force and was seized by NSW Police on 27 June 2023 after it was located during a search of Kia Carnival van with New South Wales registration number EZC31V (**the vehicle**) while driving in the vicinity of the Hume Highway at Coolac NSW. On that day, the person in possession of the property, being the sole occupant and driver of the vehicle, failed to provide NSW Police with evidence of the legitimacy of the property and was subsequently arrested and charged with offences contrary to the *Crimes Act 1900*. The property is held by NSW Police pursuant to the *Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002*.
2. The Commission is reasonably satisfied the property is an interest in property:
 - (a) of a person suspected of engaging in serious crime related activity; and/or
 - (b) suspected of being serious crime derived property because of serious crime related activity; and/or
 - (c) an interest in property suspected of being an available interest relating to serious crime use property within the meaning of the Act.

Pursuant to section 21A of the Act, a dispute claim in relation to this assets forfeiture notice may be made within 60 days of the publication of this notice, and pursuant to section 21G of the Act, **MUST**:

1. be made **in writing to the Commission** by post to 453-463 Kent Street, Sydney, NSW or by e-mail to AFNdisputes@crimecommission.nsw.gov.au; and
2. include the following information:
 - (a) the name, date of birth and address of the person making the claim (**the claimant**),
 - (b) the basis of the claim, including the following and evidence, if any, supporting the following—
 - (i) a description of the claimant's interest in the property,
 - (ii) how the interest in the property was acquired,
 - (iii) why the interest in the property is not illegally acquired property,
 - (c) a statutory declaration supporting the information in the claim.

Unless a dispute claim is made to the Commission by **17 April 2024** (i.e. within 60 days of the publication of this notice), this assets forfeiture notice takes effect immediately.

14 February 2024



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