



## **SOUTHEAST TEXAS AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE**

Beaumont Police / Jefferson County Sheriff / Port Arthur Police / Hardin County Sheriff

In the event that you are unable to send a certified 10 day demand letter to the person in possession of your property / vehicle, we are requesting that you place a classified ad in your local newspaper. The classified ad can be placed in the announcement section of the newspaper. The ad should address any person in possession of your property / vehicle.

The classified ad should include the following:

- (1) An accurate and complete description of the circumstances under which the property was obtained from you;
- (2) An accurate and complete description of the property / vehicle which you own and desire returned;
- (3) An affirmative demand that either you be allowed to take possession of the property / vehicle at the place where it is presently located, or the property be returned, or that you be compensated for the full present market value of the property / vehicle; and
- (4) That if one of these demands is not satisfied within ten (10) days of placement of the ad, the matter will be turned over to the District Attorney for whatever action he deems appropriate.

**Keep a copy of the receipt and a copy of the classified ad that ran in the newspaper for your records.**

After you have placed the classified ad and it has run for 10 days, contact the investigator from the appropriate agency or the investigator assigned to your case for an appointment and be prepared to bring with you:

- (1) A copy of the classified ad and
- (2) The receipt for payment from the newspaper for placing the classified ad.

If questions arise or you wish to make an appointment, call (409) 842-6341 and ask to speak with the investigator assigned to your case.