

LEGAL NOTICE – ATTENTION

THE TULALIP TRIBAL COURT for the Tulalip Indian Reservation, Tulalip, WA

**Notice of Petition for Forfeiture and Summons by Publication**

The Tulalip Tribes Office of Reservation Attorney gives notice that the property listed below was seized for forfeiture for violation of Tribal Law. Laws and procedures applicable to the forfeiture process can be found in Tulalip Tribal Code (TTC) Chapters 2.10 and 2.60. The code is available online at this website: (<http://www.codepublishing.com/WA/Tulalip/>).

**TO FILE A CLAIM:** If you are an owner or claimant, you may contest the forfeiture of the property listed below by filing an answer with the Tribal Court no later than 30 days after the date of final publication of this notice. You must serve a copy of your answer on the Tribal Prosecutor. You may request a copy of the summons, petition, and evidence in your case from the Tribal Prosecutor.

Tribal Court  
6332 31st Ave. NE, Suite B  
Tulalip WA 98271  
360-716-4773

Tribal Prosecutor  
6330 31st Ave. NE  
Tulalip WA 98271  
360-716-4810

DEADLINE TO FILE ANSWER: **August 10, 2024**

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: June 10, 2024

THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY IS BEING HELD PENDING FORFEITURE:

**\$1,146** seized by Tulalip Tribes Police Department from Steven Johnston on April 3, 2024, at 6221 31st Avenue NE, Tulalip, WA 98271. – A Summons re Seized Property and Petition for Forfeiture of Seized Property have been filed with the Tulalip Tribal Court.

FAILURE TO FILE AN ANSWER WITHIN THE TIME ALLOWED MAY RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF THE LISTED PROPERTY.

THE PETITION AND SUMMONS IN THESE CASES CAN BE FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES.

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TULALIP TRIBAL COURT

CLERK *[Signature]* *[Signature]*

**IN THE TULALIP TRIBAL COURT  
FOR THE TULALIP INDIAN RESERVATION  
TULALIP, WASHINGTON**

IN REM THE FORFEITURE OF:  
  
ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY  
SIX DOLLARS IN U.S. CURRENCY  
(\$1,146)

NO. TUL-CV-FO-2024- **0385**  
  
SUMMONS RE SEIZED PROPERTY  
  
TTPD Incident No. 24-0898  
Primary Officer K. Zoller  
  
**(Clerk's Action Required)**

TO: Steven Eugene Johnston  
1127 North Garden Street  
Bellingham, WA 98226

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Tulalip Tribes, Plaintiff, by and through its prosecuting authority, has filed a petition with the Court that seeks to have forfeited, to the benefit of the Tribes, certain property that you allegedly own, claim, or have an interest.

Pursuant to Chapter 2.60.070§(4)(a), of the Tulalip Tribes Code of Law, you have thirty (30) days after you have been served the petition and this summons to file with the Court a response to the allegations described in the petition. No extension of the time for filing the response may be granted. Failure to respond within 30 days may bar you from presenting evidence at any later evidentiary hearing regarding the seized property. Further, if no response is filed within 30 days after service of the petition and summons, the Court, upon motion of the Tribes, shall order the property forfeited to the Tribes.

Chapter 2.60.070§(4)(b) governs responses to forfeiture petitions. The Clerk's Office does not provide legal advice. It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with the applicable tribal law—which is available from the Clerk's Office and on-line at:  
<http://www.codepublishing.com/WA/Tulalip/>.

SUMMONS  
TUL-CV-FO-2024- **0385**

**ORIGINAL**

TULALIP TRIBES PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE  
6332 31st Avenue N.E. - Suite B  
Tulalip, WA 98271  
PH (360) 716-4785; FAX (360) 716-0658

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Your response must be mailed to, or personally filed with, the Clerk's Office at 6332-31<sup>st</sup> Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip WA 98271.

Questions regarding the petition should be addressed to the Tulalip Tribes Prosecutor's Office at 360-716-4810, not to the Clerk's Office.

DATED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2024.

  
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CLERK OF THE COURT

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FOR THE TULALIP INDIAN RESERVATION  
TULALIP, WASHINGTON**

IN REM THE FORFEITURE OF:  
  
ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY  
SIX DOLLARS IN U.S. CURRENCY (\$1,146)

NO. TUL-CV-FO-2024- 0385  
  
PETITION FOR FORFEITURE OF  
SEIZED PROPERTY  
  
TTPD Incident No. 24-0898  
Primary Officer K. Zoller

COMES NOW the Tulalip Tribes, Plaintiff, by and through its prosecuting authority, to petition the Court to institute proceedings for the forfeiture of the property described in section I, below. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over these proceedings, and this Petition is made pursuant to, Chapter 2.60 of the Tulalip Tribes Code of Law.

**I. Subject Property**

As described in detail in Tulalip Tribes Police Department Incident Report #24-0898, which is on file with the Tulalip Tribal Court under this cause number, on or about the 3rd day of April, 2024, Tulalip Tribes Police Department (TTPD) seized a \$1,146 from Steven Johnston in the vicinity of 6221 31st Avenue NE, Tulalip, WA 98271 in connection with narcotic trafficking on the Tulalip Reservation.

**II. AUTHORITY**

Because the Subject Money was furnished or intended to be furnished by any person in exchange for a controlled substance or listed chemical in violation of Tulalip Law, it is subject to forfeiture pursuant to Tulalip Tribal Code 2.60.020§(7).

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**III. Claimants**

Steven Eugene Johnston, Claimant, is a person who the Tribes knows or has reason to believe has or may asset a claim to the subject property. Steven Eugene Johnston is believed to reside 1127 North Garden Street, Bellingham, WA 98226 (Police Report).

**IV. CONCLUSION**

Based upon the foregoing, the Tribes requests thé Clerk of the Court issue a Summons to have Steven Eugene Johnston answer the allegations of this Petition, and, ultimately, for the Court to order that the Subject Property be forfeited for the benefit of the Tulalip Tribes.

DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

TULALIP TRIBES.  
Office of the Reservation Attorney



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ORA Attorney