

Leasing of Rental Property Instruction Sheet

In order to institute a prosecution under Florida Statute 812.155 relating to the leasing of rental property with intent to defraud or failure to redeliver leased property, the following information must be provided to the State Attorney's Office:

1. A legible copy of the contract.
2. A payment history.
3. A copy of the demand letter and the return receipt, or the unclaimed demand letter.
4. A copy of any identification that was obtained at the time that the contract was entered into.
5. The attached form signed and notarized.

Note: Florida Statute 812.155(6) states as follows: **Notice Required** - As a prerequisite to prosecution under this section, the following statement must be contained in the agreement under which the owner of person lawfully possessing the property or equipment has relinquished its custody, or in an addendum to that agreement, and the statement must be initialed by the person hiring or leasing the rental property or equipment:

Failure to return rental property or equipment upon expiration of the rental period and failure to pay all amounts due (including costs for damage to the property or equipment) are evidence of abandonment or refusal to redeliver the property, punishable in accordance with section 812.155, Florida Statutes.

Completed complaint forms and accompanying documentation should be sent to:

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
ATTN: DATA ENTRY
419 N PIERCE STREET
SECOND FLOOR
TAMPA FL 33602