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Requires prosecutors to file criminal charges within 90 days of seizing personal property. Failure to file charges or provide notice to the court of intent to file charges within 90 days permits the owner of the seized property to file a motion with the court for return of the property.

The law enforcement agency in possession of seized personal property is liable for loss of or damage to the property while it is in the agency's possession. Specifies that this new section of law supersedes, to the extent inconsistent with, the current forfeiture statutes.