

RCW 46.12.740 Release without hearing. The seizing law enforcement agency may release the article or articles impounded pursuant to this section to the person claiming ownership without a hearing pursuant to RCW 46.12.735 when such law enforcement agency is satisfied after an appropriate investigation as to the claimant's right to lawful possession. If no hearing is contemplated as provided for in RCW 46.12.735 such release shall be within a reasonable time following seizure. Reasonable investigative activity, including efforts to establish the identity of the article or articles and the identity of the person entitled to lawful possession or custody of the article or articles shall be considered in determining the reasonableness of the time in which release must be made. [2011 c 171 s 41; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 91 s 5. Formerly RCW 46.12.340.]

Intent—Effective date—2011 c 171: See notes following RCW 4.24.210.

Severability—Effective date—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 91: See notes following RCW 46.12.720.