

Cyprus

Criminal Procedure Law Cap. 155

Section 32

32. (1) When, upon the execution of a search warrant, anything is seized and brought before any Judge, as in section 27 of this Law provided, such thing, subject to subsection (2) of this section, may be detained by such person as the Judge may direct, reasonable care being always taken for its preservation until the conclusion of any criminal proceedings which may be had in respect thereof.

(2) Where anything seized under a search warrant and brought before a Judge is of a perishable or noxious nature, such thing may be disposed of forthwith in such manner as the Judge may direct.

(3) If the Judge is of opinion that anything seized under a search warrant is no longer required for any criminal proceedings, he shall, unless he is authorised or required by this or any other Law to dispose of it otherwise, direct -

(a) that the thing or any part thereof be restored to the person who appears to the Judge to be entitled thereto and, if he be the person charged, that it be restored either to him or to such other person as the person charged may direct ; or

(b) that, if such thing belongs to the person charged, such thing or any part thereof be applied to the payment of any costs or compensation directed to be paid by the person charged.