

2023 Kansas Statutes

22-3904. Judgment. (1) Upon final judgment that any real property is being or has been used as a place where any of the unlawful activities set forth in K.S.A. 22-3901, and amendments thereto, are carried on or permitted to be carried on, the court may order that any house, room, building or other structure located on such real estate be closed and padlocked for a period of not more than two years, subject to modification in the manner provided by K.S.A. 60-910, and amendments thereto, if the court finds that the owner of the property knew or should have known under the circumstances of the maintenance of a common nuisance on the property and did not make a bona fide attempt to abate such nuisance under the circumstances. The court may require, as part of the judgment, that the owner, lessee, tenant or occupant enter into a bond to the state of Kansas, in such amount and with security as the court may require, conditioned that such owner, lessee, tenant or occupant will not within a period of two years use or permit the use of such real estate in violation of law. If any condition of such bond is violated, the whole amount may be recovered as a penalty. In addition, the court may assess a civil penalty not to exceed \$25,000 against any or all defendants, based upon the severity of the nuisance and its duration. Such penalty shall be paid into the county treasury, if recovered by a county or district attorney, and into the city treasury, if recovered by a city attorney.

(2) Upon final judgment that any effects, equipment, paraphernalia, fixtures, appliances, musical instruments or other personal property are designed for and have been used in carrying on any of the unlawful activities set forth in K.S.A. 22-3901, and amendments thereto, the court may order that such effects, equipment, paraphernalia, fixtures, appliances, musical instruments and other personal property be publicly destroyed by the sheriff or other law enforcement officer or that such personal property be sold in the manner provided for sales in execution of judgment.

(3) The proceeds of any sale of personal property pursuant to subsection (2) shall be applied as follows:

(a) First, to the fees and costs of the abatement or removal of the nuisance and the sale.

(b) Second, to the costs of closing the structure and keeping it closed.

(c) Third, to payment of the costs of the action.

(d) Fourth, to payment of any civil penalty imposed pursuant to this section or any fine imposed for contempt in the proceedings.

(e) Fifth, to the owner of the personal property.

(4) Subject to the provisions of subsection (3), upon final judgment for the state the court shall adjudge that any defendant who was maintaining the common nuisance pay all costs, including a reasonable fee, fixed by the court, to be paid to the prosecuting attorney. Such costs shall be a lien upon any real property against which an order of abatement is obtained, if the court finds that the owner of such property knew or should have known under the circumstances of the maintenance of the common nuisance on the property and did not make a bona fide attempt to abate such nuisance under the circumstances.

(5) For purposes of this section, evidence of a bona fide attempt to abate such nuisance by the owner of the property shall include, but not be limited to, the filing of a written report, by such owner or at such owner's direction, to the local law enforcement agency that the property is suspected by the owner of the property of being used in maintaining and carrying on any of the unlawful activities set forth in K.S.A. 22-3901, and amendments thereto.

History: L. 1970, ch. 129, § 22-3904; L. 1990, ch. 114, § 3; L. 2004, ch. 1, § 6; March 4.