

# YOUR PROPERTY OR THEIRS?

The **convoluted process** property owners face when their property is seized for **federal forfeiture**



## CIVIL FORFEITURE

Civil forfeiture can proceed *without* an arrest or criminal charges, and *without* ever going to court.

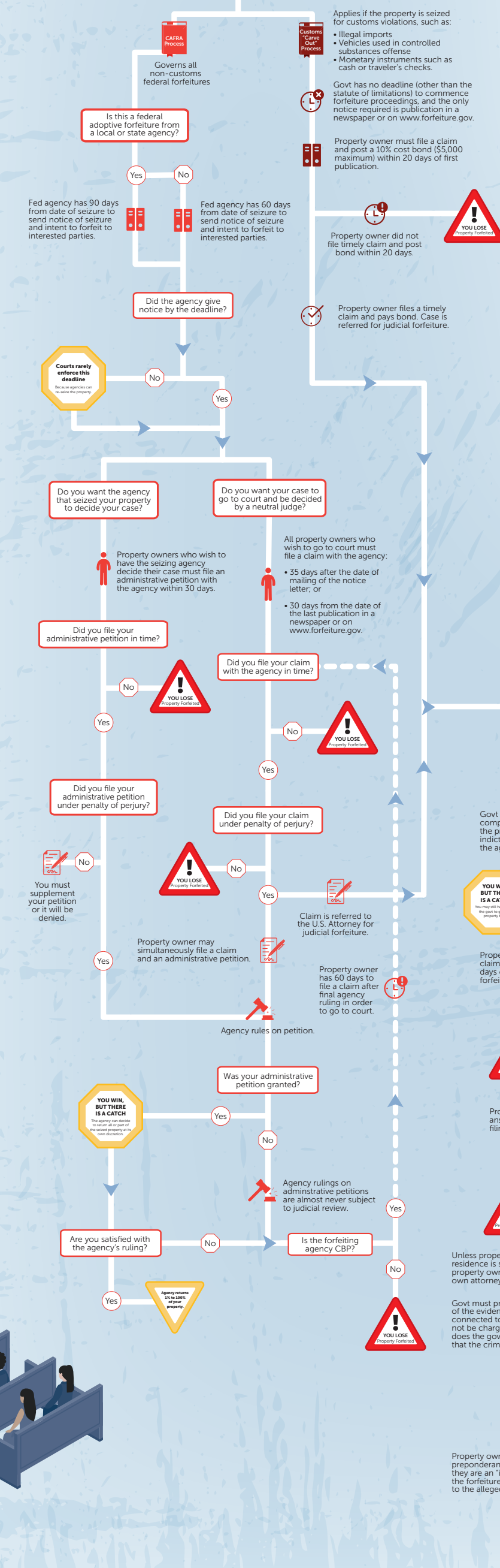
## CRIMINAL FORFEITURE

Criminal forfeiture requires a criminal conviction and is part of a criminal sentence handed down by a judge.



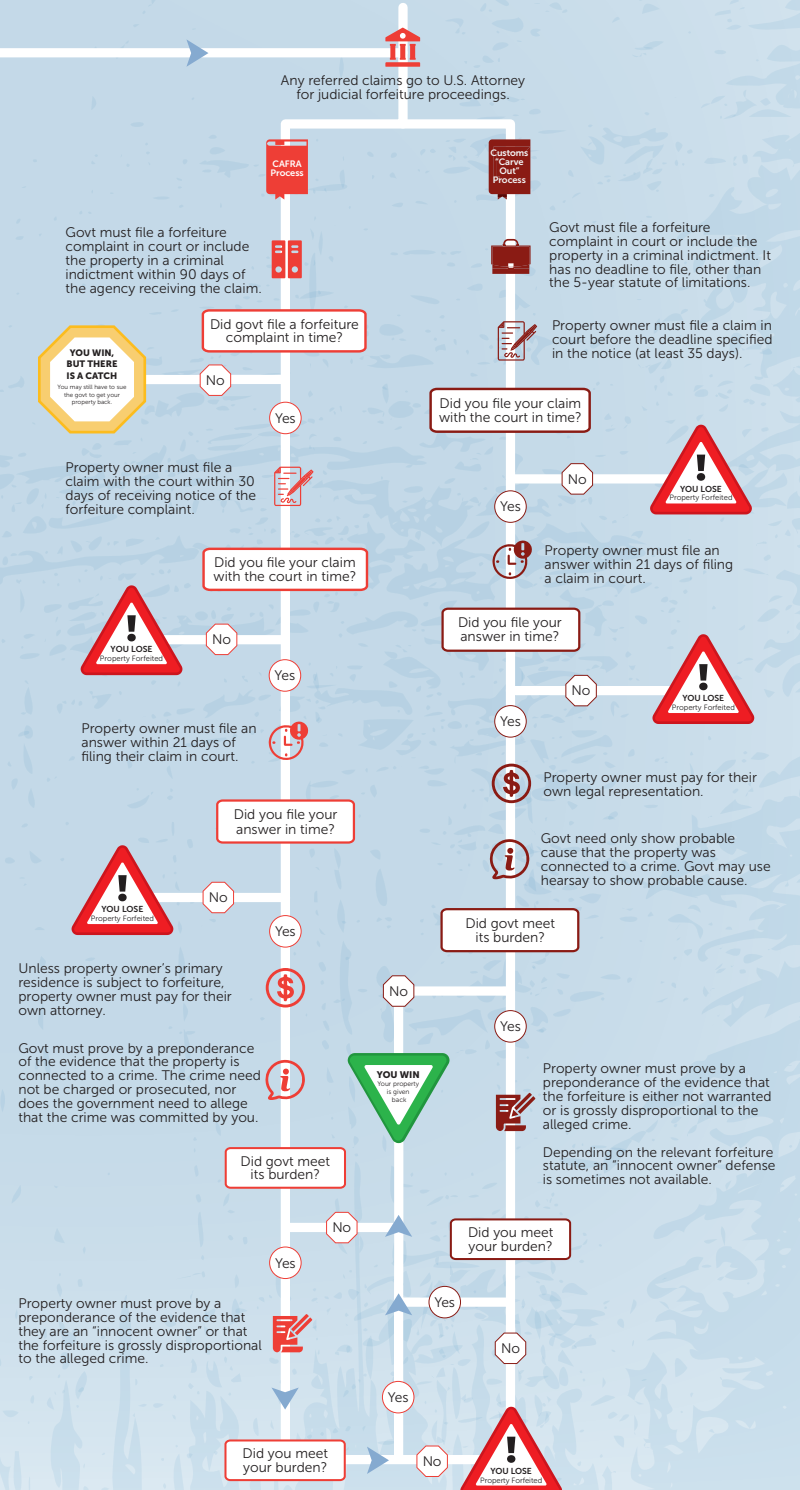
### Administrative Forfeiture

All civil forfeiture cases begin as administrative forfeitures—which are handled by the seizing agency (DEA, CBP, etc.), not a court—and the vast majority end here too.



### (Civil) Judicial Forfeiture

A property owner can opt out of administrative forfeiture and have their case heard by a judge, but very few civil forfeiture cases make it to court.



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