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The Oregon State Sheriff's Office Association will begin hosting a website for legal notices of sale of real and personal property starting this Friday.

Once a judge orders a piece of property to be sold, the county sheriff's offices assists in that sale by holding an auction. Up until last year, the agency would be required by law to post notices of those auctions in public places. For real estate, the agency was required to run a notice in the newspaper once a week for four consecutive weeks. For other types of property, a public notice was required to be posted in a public place between 10 and 20 days.

In 2011, legislators decided to allow the OSSA to host a website and post these notices on the Internet. People who are interested in buying the property can find all postings at www.oregonsheriffs.com/sales.htm starting this Friday.

The hope, said OSSA Executive Director Holly Russell, is to increase profit for the creditor.

"We just found that historically you could see that there were very few people that attended the auctions and so consequently, there weren't many bids and there wasn't a lot of revenue generated," Russell said. "Motorcycles worth twice as much would sell for \$10,000."

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