

Confiscated items from travelers go to highest bidder

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Have you ever wondered what happened to the items you have had to surrender at airport security over the years?

There's a chance your confiscated belongings found a new owner Saturday at the state property auction in Natomas run by the California Department of General Services.

The auction featured hundreds of items that have been confiscated by the national Transportation Security Administration and the California Highway Patrol, along with surplus equipment from various state agencies. Items ranging from computers and cellphones to office furniture and jewelry were made available to the public.

"Most of the crowd consists of small businesses and resellers," said Monica Hassan, a spokeswoman for General Services. "We're expecting to see somewhere between 300 and 600 people come through the auction."

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