The first question of Fatwa no. 11751:

Q 1: A woman found ninety silver Riyals in an uninhabited place. When their owner came to ask for them, she did not tell him about them, due to her dire need of money and her ignorance. Please advise. May Allah reward you. How can she get rid of that money now? To whom should she pay it? Should she pay it as banknotes or silver coins, as there are no more silver coins now? May Allah protect and support you.

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A: This woman should give the silver coins or their value to their owner if he is still alive. If not, she should give them to his heirs. She should perform Tawbah (repentance to Allah) and Istighfar (seeking forgiveness from Allah) for what she did. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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