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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairs of House Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Chairs of Senate Appropriations Committees on Justice and Public Safety

FROM: Robert "Bob" Schurmeier, Director, SBI

RE: Federal Seized/Forfeited Assets Report

DATE: February 6, 2017

Dear Chairmen & Chairwomen,

Pursuant of Section 16B.1 of Session Law 2015-241, The Department of Public Safety and the Department of Justice shall make the following reports to the chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Committees on Justice and Public Safety:

- (1) *A report upon receipt of any assets.*
- (2) *A report that shall be made prior to use of the assets on their intended use and the departmental priorities on which the assets may be expended.*
- (3) *A report on receipts, expenditures, encumbrances, and availability of these assets for the previous fiscal year, which shall be made no later than September 1 of each year.*

The Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch is a participant in the Equitable Sharing of Federally Forfeited Property Program with the United States Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Treasury. As a result of participation in this program and the support of the North Carolina House and Senate Committees on Justice and Public Safety, the Section has been able to provide valuable equipment and support to its members in the pursuit of its mission. The items included in this request are needed to enhance officer and public safety.

This correspondence reports the Alcohol Law Enforcements Branch's intent to use \$160,000 in Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds to support the law enforcement and public safety purchases listed below. As of August 19, 2016 the balance of the Federal Asset Forfeiture held by this Section is \$2,898,511.56. The new balance of this account will be \$2,738,511.56 after the listed expenditures. Should you have any questions about these purchases, please contact my office at (919)-662-4500.

Sincerely,


Robert Schurmeier
Director

ITEM REQUESTED	AMOUNT
<p>Entry Vests: Being sworn law enforcement officers, SBI and ALE Agents routinely apply for and execute search warrants. The agency is also frequently requested by local law enforcement agencies to assist with barricaded suspects, and other missions that are of heightened risk. In today's world some of the individuals that are present during the searches and those who are searched have sold weapons and controlled substances. Many of the individuals encountered are convicted felons and are known to carry weapons and utilize them in their illegal ventures. In order to protect the Special Agents of the combined agency conducting these high risk search warrants and other functions the Agency would utilize the funds requested to purchase higher threat level vests and accessories to better protect the Special Agents involved.</p>	<p>\$160,000.00</p>
<p>Total:</p>	<p>\$160,000.00</p>