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The Honorable Phil Berger
President Pro Tempore
North Carolina Senate
Legislative Building, Room 2007
Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

The Honorable Tim Moore
Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives
Legislative Building, Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear President Pro Tem Berger, Speaker Moore, and Members of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations:

As you may know, the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) participates in the Equitable Sharing of Federally Forfeited Property Program with the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Treasury. The SBI is grateful for the availability of federal forfeiture funds to enhance our law enforcement capabilities. Your support of these important efforts is greatly appreciated.

As of November 1, 2016, the SBI Federal Forfeiture Fund had an unencumbered balance of \$2,917,300.33. The SBI reports its intent to use \$1,585,644.00 leaving a balance of \$1,331,656.33 in our asset forfeiture account.

Pursuant to applicable law, the SBI reports its intent to use federal forfeiture funds as listed on the following pages.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Robert L. Schurmeier.
Robert L. Schurmeier

ITEM REQUESTED	AMOUNT
<u>SBI Special Agent Duty Gear:</u> Accessories necessary for equipping Special Agents (e.g., holsters, handcuff holders, magazine holders, etc.).	\$125,000.00
<u>Duty Weapon Replacement:</u> These funds will be used for replacement of approximately 330 handguns comprising the primary duty weapon of sworn special agents of the NCSBI. Current weapons have reached the point in their life cycle where liability concerns dictate replacement. Weapons replacement will cost approximately \$25 per weapon. Weapons replacement will allow the SBI to reap a trade-in allowance of approximately \$375 per weapon, thereby reducing the cost of each new weapon correspondingly.	\$8,250.00
<u>Practice and Service Ammunition:</u> The ammunition is a critical component in agents' continued proficiency in the use of issued weapons. Practice and qualification with all issued weapon systems are essential to protection of both citizens and agents.	\$105,000.00
<u>Aircraft Purchase – Agency Share:</u> SBI portion of cost for purchase of a new aircraft intended for law enforcement investigations, agent transportation, transfer of suspects, and surveillance missions.	\$317,394.00
<u>Title III Upgrades, Communication/Surveillance Equipment:</u> This purchase supports the SBI Statewide Drug Initiative. It is necessary for the SBI to maintain pen registers and Title III wiretaps throughout North Carolina and other states utilizing the Bureau's assets. This expenditure is needed to ensure the continued seamless operation of investigations and apprehension of criminals and to meet the SBI's electronic surveillance needs.	\$100,000.00
<u>CALEA and Recruitment:</u> The SBI is nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The Bureau has been continuously accredited for more than 20 years. The accreditation process strengthens an agency's accountability, both within the agency and the community. The accreditation process can limit an agency's liability and risk exposure because it demonstrates that internationally recognized standards for law enforcement have been met and verified by a team of independent CALEA-trained assessors. To continue the Bureau's accreditation program and affiliation with CALEA, the cost is approximately \$25,000.00. The Bureau must recruit the most qualified applicants for both sworn and non-sworn positions. Recruitment efforts statewide include travel, displays, brochures, registration fees and agency paraphernalia. The cost for these items is approximately \$25,000.00.	\$50,000.00
<u>Moveable & Replacement Equipment, Facilities Upgrades and Enhancements:</u> Office equipment and supplies needed to replace aging	\$300,000.00

and inefficient items that support operational functions in the various divisions -- Field, Special Operations, and Administration. Projects necessary for the consolidations, upgrades, and enhancements to offices throughout the state to include connectivity, data, telephone, physical relocation, furniture, etc.	
<u>Specialized Training and Certification:</u> These funds will be used for specialized training, certification, and equipment required for professional development and / or certification required for SBI employees.	\$200,000.00
<u>Specialized Gear for Special Response Team Members:</u> Ballistic helmets, ballistic shields, and night vision devices (NVD) are needed for newly selected members of the Special Response Team. This is an agent safety issue. A bomb robot will allow SBI Bomb Squad to enhance current capabilities. Robots are a fundamental component of Bomb Squad response gear. This equipment will facilitate decision making by Bomb Technicians when determining safest course of action during render safe operations, thus enhancing both officer and public safety.	\$60,000.00
<u>Camcorders:</u> High quality audio / video recording devices necessary to meet mandated requirements for preservation of law enforcement activities and interviews.	\$198,000.00
<u>SBI Special Agent Academy:</u> Meals, commercial lodging, contractor provided training for attendees to SBI / ALE Special Agent Academy.	\$77,000.00
<u>Communications / Surveillance Equipment:</u> Upgrades are needed to electronic surveillance equipment to ensure continued seamless operation of drug investigations and apprehension of criminals. Upgrade existing telecommunication equipment that provides the NCSBI with advanced and adaptive electronic surveillance capabilities. This system will be deployed by Bureau personnel in support of the most critical, complex and sensitive investigations, allowing the State Bureau of Investigation to coordinate operations with the complexities of the ever-changing wireless technologies and environments.	\$45,000.00
GRAND TOTAL:	\$1,585,644.00