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North Carolina Senate President *Pro Tempore* Marc Basnight
North Carolina House of Representatives Speaker James Black
North Carolina House of Representatives Speaker Richard T. Morgan
Co-Chairs, Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Affairs

North Carolina General Assembly
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-1096

RE: Report on Use of Federally Forfeited Assets

Dear Senator Basnight, Speaker Black, Speaker Morgan, and Members of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations:

As you may know, the North Carolina Medicaid Investigations Unit (MIU) 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 MIU is grateful for the availability of federal forfeiture funds to enhance our health care fraud and abuse enforcement capabilities. Your support of these important efforts is greatly appreciated.

Pursuant to applicable law, the MIU reports its intent to use federal forfeiture funds for the following purposes:

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MIU Federal Asset Forfeiture Request

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
EQUIPMENT	
Server	\$9,000.00
Software Upgrades	\$5,000.00
Laptops and Accessories	\$98,000.00
Printers	\$15,000.00
Scanners	\$61,000.00
Communication Equipment Upgrades	\$19,000.00
Miscellaneous Office Furniture	\$7,000.00
Shelving for Evidence Room	\$5,000.00
Cameras/Video Equipment and Accessories	\$7,000.00
Shredder	\$1,500.00
TRAINING	
Investigative & Attorney Training	\$25,000.00
CONSULTANTS/EXPERTS	
	\$25,000.00
LIBRARY RESOURCES/RESEARCH MATERIALS	
	\$20,000.00
TOTAL - FY 04	\$297,500.00
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$297,500.00</u> Total

As of March 1, 2004, the MIU Federal Forfeiture Fund had an unencumbered balance of \$645,624.66. If these expenditures are made, there will be a new balance in this fund of \$348,124.66.

Sincerely,

Julia White
Chief of Staff

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