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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 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. We are attempting to maximize the purchasing power of these federal forfeiture funds by using them as matching funds for various federal grant programs. Your support of these important efforts is greatly appreciated.

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



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ITEM	AMOUNT
Purchase of 10 digital cameras for arson and crime scene search specialists and memory flash cards.	\$ 34,300.00
25% Matching Funds for a \$62,576.00 grant in FY 05 new equipment for SBI Crime Scene Search Specialists. The state match for FY 05 is \$15,644.00.	\$15,644.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 49,944.00

As of March 4, 2004, the SBI Federal Forfeiture Fund had an unencumbered balance of \$221,656.00. The SBI is requesting permission to commit **\$49,944.00** leaving a balance of \$171,712.00 in our asset forfeiture account.

Sincerely,

Robin Pendergraft
Director

JUSTIFICATIONS FOR CURRENT REQUESTS:

Digital Cameras for Arson and Crime Scene Search Specialists

Last Winter, the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations approved purchase of 18 digital cameras for SBI arson and crime scene search specialists to photo-document crime scenes. The SBI would like to complete the equipping of all members of these specialty units with the purchase of 10 additional units for agents who are not currently assigned a digital camera. In addition an extra memory flash card is needed for each of the cameras in this purchase request, as well as the cameras previously purchased.

Matching Funds for the SBI Crime Scene Search Project

The SBI has applied for a \$ 62,576.00 grant in FY 04 and a \$ 62,576.00 grant in FY 05 from the Governor=s Crime Commission to purchase a mini-crimescope and AIMS crime survey unit in each District of the state. The mini-crimescope will be invaluable in detecting trace amounts of body fluids and can also be used to detect latent prints when a fluorescent powder is used. The AIMS units are useful in laying out grid search patterns using Global Positioning Software and laser beams. This unit will be invaluable at all outdoor searches and in mass casualty events. The SBI will match 25% of the grant, totaling \$ 15,644.00 in FY 04 and \$ 15,644.00 in FY 05. The Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations has already approved the grant match funds for FY 04.