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

The Honorable James B. Black
Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives
Legislative Building, Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

The Honorable Richard T. Morgan
Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives
Legislative Office Building, Room 301
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

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
The SBI has received \$100,000.00 from the US Attorney's Office in the Middle District of NC for a Clandestine Lab/Terrorism Response Vehicle. The cost of the vehicle, the Mobile Data Terminals and radios for the vehicle, and the NC sales tax on the vehicle will exceed the available \$100,000.00 by \$31,000.00.	\$31,000.00
25% Matching Funds for a \$552,300.00 grant for equipment and supplies to support the new DNA agent positions. The state match is \$ 138,075.00.	\$138,075.00
10% Matching Funds for a \$144,000.00 grant for video throw phones for our Crisis Negotiators. The state match is \$14,400.00	\$14,400.00
25% Matching Funds for a \$284,192.00 grant in FY 03 and a \$7,396.00 grant in FY 04 to upgrade the State Automated Fingerprint Identification System (SAFIS) so that data from fingerprint submissions can be electronically sent to CCH files. The state match for FY 03 is \$71,048.00 and is \$1,849.00 in FY 04.	\$71,048.00 FY 03 \$1,849.00 FY 04
25% Matching Funds for a \$20,000.00 grant to provide training for agents in the SBI Toxicology Unit. The state match is \$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
25% Matching Funds for year two funding for a \$100,000.00 Child Sexual Assault Investigations Project which provides funds for two contract positions and training for Child Sexual Assault Investigators within the SBI. The state match is \$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
The Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) accredits the SBI. We are being inspected by CALEA in 2003 and funds are needed to pay for the cost of this inspection.	\$30,000.00
25% Matching Funds for \$168,268.91 in Homeland Security Overtime Funding from the U.S. Department of Justice - COPS Office. Funding is for SBI agent overtime costs associated with the training of agents and homeland security assignments. The state match is \$42,067.23.	\$ 42,067.23

SBI Law Enforcement Equipment Requirements:		
75 Rifles, magazines, cases, and ammunition	\$69,643.00	
10 800 MHZ radios	\$50,000.00	
38 laptop computers	\$95,000.00	
Sketching software for Crime Scene Search Specialists	\$7,182.00	
18 Digital Cameras (For Crime Scene Search Specialists and Arson Agents)	\$65,504.00	
16 Radiation detectors (For Crime Scene Search Specialists and Arson Agents)	\$10,443.00	
48 Bulletproof vests for new agent trainees	\$17,900.00	\$308,394.00
Bomb suits for three bomb technicians. The SBI currently has two bomb suits that are 15 years old for 4 bomb technicians. These suits are to be replaced every 7 years. The SBI bomb squad is increasing in size to 7 technicians and all 7 agents will share the three new suits.		\$51,762.00
The SBI and North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (Officers) share a radio communication system, with an integral dispatch system, which provides both agencies with a statewide communications system. This cost is the SBI's portion of the lease for the towers that house our repeaters across the state.		\$33,887.47
Development costs for integration of the SBI 's Intelligence, Field Case Reporting Management System, the Laboratory's Information Management System, and the Administrative Office of the Courts into a system that can be easily searched and provide for paperless transfer of documents.		\$150,000.00
TOTAL		\$907,911.70 FY 03 \$1,849.00 FY 04
GRAND TOTAL		\$909,760.70

As of August 12, 2003, the SBI Federal Forfeiture Fund had an unencumbered balance of \$1,250,917.13. If these expenditures are made, there will be a new balance in this fund of \$341,156.43.

Sincerely,

Robin Pendergraft
Director