



North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety

Michael F. Easley, Governor

Bryan E. Beatty, Secretary

February 13, 2006

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
State Legislative Building, Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear Senator Basnight and Speaker Black:

Pursuant to Section 14.1A of the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2003, the State Highway Patrol reports its intent to use \$224,250.00 in Federal Seizure funds for the following purchase:

Our agency wishes to use \$224,250.00 in forfeiture funds to support the purchase of 375 bulletproof vests. Every 5 years, our vests must be replaced. The recent shooting involving Trooper J. C. Horniak clearly illustrates the vital importance of having access to a reliable bulletproof vest. Trooper Horniak was shot four times by a fugitive during a routine traffic stop. He is expected to make a full recovery, thanks in part to the fact that he was wearing a reliable bulletproof vest.

The total cost of this request equals \$224,250 dollars. As of January 31, 2006, the fund balance for the Highway Patrol's Federal Forfeiture Account was \$2,078,702. If this request is approved, the new balance will equal \$1,854,452 dollars.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan E. Beatty".

Bryan E. Beatty
Secretary

cc: Colonel W. Fletcher Clay
Bennie Aiken

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