

## North Carolina STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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The Honorable Phil Berger President Pro Tempore North Carolina Senate Legislative Building, Room 2008 Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

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

Dear President Pro Tem Berger, Speaker Tillis, 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 June 7, 2012, the SBI Federal Forfeiture Fund had an unencumbered balance of \$1,423,159.32. The SBI reports its intent to use \$264,996.76 leaving a balance of \$1,158,162.56 in our asset forfeiture account.

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

Sincerely,

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ITEM REQUESTED	AMOUNT
Ballistic Helmets for Special Response Team Members: New ballistic helmets are needed to replace the ones currently in use by the Special Response Team. This is an agent safety issue.	\$10,000.00
NC Information Sharing & Analysis Center (NCISAAC) 25% Grant Match: Continued funding for grant supported positions within NC Information Sharing and Analysis Center (NCISAAC) – 2 Intelligence Analysts, 1 Administrative Support, and 1 part time contractual position.	\$39,996.76
Accreditation and Recruitment Programs: The SBI is nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. These funds are needed to pay for the costs of the accreditation, travel expenses for the assessors, and other expenses associated with the ongoing reaccreditation process. The SBI also maintains a comprehensive recruitment program targeted at obtaining the most qualified applicants. The funds will be used for recruitment materials and supplies.	\$15,000.00
Mobile Forensic Platform for Computer Crimes Unit: Mobile forensic vehicle to facilitate on-site mobile forensics, suspect interviews, and polygraphs in connection with Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) investigations.	\$150,000.00
Weapons Security Boxes – Vehicle Mounted: Weapons storage containers for Bureau-issued vehicles assigned to Special Agents. Containers will provide enhanced weapons security for long guns.	\$50,000.00
GRAND TOTAL:	\$264,996.76