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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 August 31, 2014, the SBI Federal Forfeiture Fund had an unencumbered  
balance of \$2,278,729.08. The SBI reports its intent to use \$1,525,000.00 leaving a  
balance of \$753,729.08 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,

Bernard W. Collier II  
Director

ITEM REQUESTED	AMOUNT
<b><u>Specialty Vehicles:</u></b> Purchase, administrative documentation fees (title / tag, etc.), and set up of up to 35 specialty vehicles (pickup trucks and SUVs) for Specialty Units and Sections within the NCSBI. This includes, but is not limited to, Special Services Unit, Clandestine Laboratory Response Unit, Bomb Squad, Arson and Crime Scene Investigations, Criminal Apprehension Team, and Computer Crimes Unit.	\$885,000.00
<b><u>SBI Telephone System Upgrade:</u></b> Current telephone equipment at the SBI eight district offices features outdated technology utilizing leased lines from local serving telephone companies. Each office has multiple lines costing \$37,500 annually statewide. Non-standardization throughout these offices precludes standardized calling features and pooling of maintenance spares. This upgrade will convert each newly consolidated ALE / SBI office to VOIP technology as utilized at other DPS locations. This will result in significant reductions in operating expenses and provide communications capabilities currently unavailable. Cost projections are for the \$37,000 current local service expense to reduce to \$12,500. Long distance service, which varies month to month, will be reduced by 66% percent.	\$125,000.00
<b><u>Moveable &amp; Replacement Equipment, Facilities Upgrades and Enhancements:</u></b> Office equipment and supplies needed to replace aging and inefficient items that support operational functions in the various divisions -- Field, Special Operations, Professional Standards, and Administration. Projects necessary for the consolidations, upgrades, and enhancements to offices throughout the state to include connectivity, data, telephone, physical relocation, furniture, etc.	\$200,000.00
<b><u>Specialized Training:</u></b> These funds will be used for specialized training and equipment required for professional development and / or certification required for SBI employees.	\$100,000.00
<b><u>Equipment Upgrades to Criminal Apprehension Team:</u></b> Equipment upgrades necessitated by constantly evolving technology, including the capability to address new wireless data communications technology using LTE standards.	\$215,000.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	\$1,525,000.00